



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, all Americans and, indeed, all those who currently enjoy the blessings of freedom and the joys of liberty throughout the world owe a tremendous debt of gratitude and appreciation to those who have served in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has the ninth largest veterans population in the United States, who have made many valuable contributions to the safety and security of both our State and our Nation in every war since the Revolution. This selfless and heroic service continues uninterrupted even today; and

WHEREAS, the Cold War lasted forty-six years, from 1945 to 1991, and during that time millions of Americans, including thousands of New Jerseyans, served their country; and

WHEREAS, this unique War was marked by periodic confrontations, including crises such as the Berlin Airlift in 1948, the Korean Conflict, the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962, and the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, the end of the longest undeclared war in United States history began with the fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989, and culminated with the collapse of the Soviet Union in December 1991; and

WHEREAS, our residents join with the New Jersey Chapter of the Cold War Veterans Association in expressing appreciation for the patriotic and dedicated service rendered by Cold War veterans, who defended the sacred principles of freedom and liberty that are the foundation of our State and Nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

MAY 1, 2007

AS

COLD WAR VICTORY DAY

in New Jersey.



BY THE GOVERNOR:

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this first day of May in the year two thousand seven, the two hundred thirty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

GOVERNOR

Nina Mitchell Wells