

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MCRHC PROCLAMATION

Recognizing October 9, 2016 as 80th Anniversary of the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission #1

WHEREAS, the Federal Social Security Act allotted funds to New Jersey in 1936 via the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service and these funds were used to subsidize the operations of two local boards of health, each combining three or more municipalities into one unit, thus forming the first governmental shared services local health department in Monmouth County; and

WHEREAS, over time, the units combined and became known as the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission #1 providing environmental and public health services to twenty-one municipalities in a service area of 208,000 people in Monmouth County and over the past 80 years, this public health shared service has offered member towns and their taxpayers significant savings in tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission #1 is the largest and one of the oldest regional health commissions in New Jersey which has declared its mission, vision and values stated below:

The MCRHC MISSION is to prevent or reduce disease and injury, promote healthier choices and assure access to care through collaboration, and to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies; and

The MCRHC VISION is “Healthy People Living in Healthy Communities”

The MCRHC VALUES involve developing and maintaining a culture of continuous quality improvement; and

WHEREAS, local public health departments help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats including natural or man-made disasters and disease outbreaks by collaborating with non-traditional partners such as municipal planners, police, transportation and education officials and private sector businesses; and

WHEREAS, this milestone calls for celebration of the daily contributions made by the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission #1 and the local public health system in New Jersey toward providing prevention, promotion and protection of the residents of the State and leadership and innovation in shared services.

WHEREAS, the value of a strong public health system is in the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat and the places where we live, learn, work and play

NOW, THEREFORE I, PAUL D. ROMAN, President of the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission #1, do hereby proclaim:

October 9, 2016 as the 80th Anniversary of the largest, shared services regional health commission in New Jersey and encourage all residents to learn about the role of the local public health system in improving the health of our State and Nation.