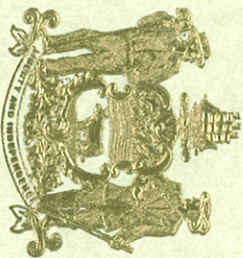


STATE OF DELAWARE



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STATEMENT IN OBSERVANCE OF AFRICAN IMMIGRANT HEALTH AND HERITAGE MONTH

Whereas, Delaware has a long history of welcoming immigrants and becoming home for people from all over the world; and

Whereas, Africans have made vast contributions to the quality of life in the First State through their work in many areas, such as the arts, health, education, community service, and public policy; and

Whereas, raising awareness about health issues is crucial to effectively fight health disparities within the African Immigrant community; and

Whereas, a combination of government agencies and community and faith-based organizations have collaborated with the Office of Minority Health to combat health issues in the ever-increasing African Immigrant population; and

Whereas, the distribution of culturally sensitive health information will improve the overall health and wellness of the African Immigrant community; and

Whereas, a healthy and vibrant African Immigrant community will continue to enhance the First State with its rich heritage and culture.

*Now, Therefore, We, Jack A. Markell, Governor,
and Matthew Denn, Lieutenant Governor,*
do hereby declare September 2011

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in the State of Delaware, and urge all citizens to appreciate and learn more about the African Immigrant cultural heritage that is so important to the First State.



Jack Markell
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Governor

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