



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, 91 years ago, President Woodrow Wilson issued the First Presidential Flag Day Proclamation calling for special patriotic exercises throughout the Nation on June 14th as a significant expression of our love of country, our devotion to liberty and justice, our sense of common purpose, our pride in the history of this great nation and our determination to make it greater with each generation; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, a joint resolution of Congress commemorated President Wilson's initiative by designating June 14 of each year as "Flag Day;" and

WHEREAS, in his proclamation, President Wilson said: "We celebrate the day of the flag's birth, and from its birth until now it has witnessed great history, has floated on high, the symbol of great events, of a great plan of life, worked out by a great people;" and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1916, President Wilson led 86,000 flag-waving marchers including members of his staff, cabinet, the Supreme Court and Congress, down Pennsylvania Avenue, part of the historic Lincoln Highway, in the first Washington Flag Day - Preparedness Parade; and

WHEREAS, in association with the President's call, the Lincoln Highway, America's first transcontinental highway, connecting Times Square in New York City with the Pacific Ocean at San Francisco's Lincoln Park, binding our country together as a memorial to Abraham Lincoln was the backbone of a Nationwide Flag Day Celebration featuring "a band of waving American flags, stretching across the continent from New York to San Francisco - a salute of rifles and canon that will reverberate from coast to coast and the national hymn from thousands of voices and instruments at the appointed time;" and

WHEREAS, on this 91st Anniversary of President Wilson's historic proclamation and patriotic march, it is altogether fitting that the Lincoln Highway should once again be the background for such a national celebration;

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

JUNE 14, 2007
AS THE 1st ANNIVERSARY OF THE "GREATEST FLAG DAY CELEBRATION
IN AMERICAN HISTORY" DAY

in New Jersey, and encourage all citizens along the Lincoln Highway in New Jersey to join together at 12 noon with citizens across the country, forming "A Band of Waving American Flags Across the Continent" to demonstrate our love for America and its flag to the world.



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Nina Mitchell Wells

NINA MITCHELL WELLS
SECRETARY OF STATE

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

GOVERNOR