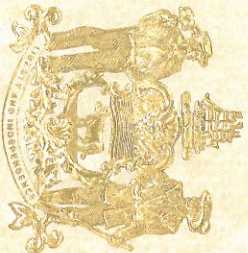


STATE OF DELAWARE



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STATEMENT IN OBSERVANCE OF MENTORING MONTH IN DELAWARE

Whereas, every day, mentors in communities across Delaware provide crucial support and guidance to young people; and

Whereas, whether a day is spent helping with homework, playing catch, or just listening, these moments can have a lasting impact and instill confidence to help young people achieve their full potential; and

Whereas, we recognize those who give generously of themselves by mentoring young Delawareans; as tutors, coaches, teachers, volunteers, and friends, mentors commit their time and energy to young people who may otherwise lack a positive, mature influence in their lives; and

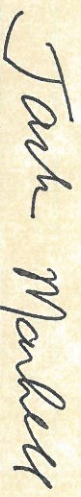
Whereas, mentors are building a brighter future for Delaware by teaching enduring values like self-discipline and dedication; and

Whereas, many of us are fortunate to recall a role model from our own adolescent years who pushed us to succeed or pulled us back from making a poor decision. We carry their wisdom with us throughout our lives, knowing the unique and timeless gift of mentorship.

*Now, Therefore, We, Jack A. Markell, Governor,
and Matthew Denn, Lieutenant Governor,*
do hereby declare January, 2013,

MENTORING MONTH IN DELAWARE

in Delaware and call upon public officials, business and community leaders, educators, and encourage all Delawareans to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.



Jack A. Markell
Governor



Matthew Denn
Lieutenant Governor

