

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Since 1864, the people of North Caucasia have been the victims of oppression by the Russian government; and

WHEREAS, through the ages, the people of North Caucasia have struggled bitterly to regain their freedom; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 1918, following the Bolshevik revolution, the people of North Caucasia declared their independence and North Caucasia was recognized by many nations as a free state; and

WHEREAS, in 1920, North Caucasia lost its freedom when it was conquered by the new Communist regime; and

WHEREAS, over the years, people of North Caucasia who resisted oppression were either massacred or forced into exile, including many now living in the United States and in New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRENDAN BYRNE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

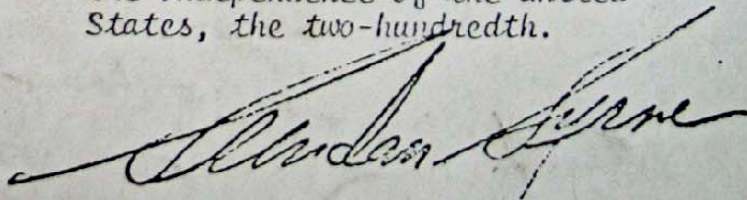
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NORTH CAUCASIANS INDEPENDENCE MONTH

in New Jersey.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-sixth day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six, and in the Independence of the United States, the two-hundredth.



GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

S. Edwin ...
Chaired