



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year, New Jersey faces catastrophic events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and other natural disasters, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage - or, even worse, total destruction - to private property and homes; and

WHEREAS, following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently inflating repair or rebuilding costs; and

WHEREAS, predatory practices by unscrupulous contractors taking advantage of these stressful scenarios ultimately increase costs for consumers by driving up insurance premiums and forcing insurers to reevaluate risk; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that an effective public outreach campaign highlights the various types of contractor fraud schemes to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid such schemes; and

WHEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages New Jerseyans to get at least three written estimates when hiring a contractor, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process; and

WHEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in New Jersey, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, are committed to educating New Jerseyans about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; and

WHEREAS, consumers may contact by phone or consult the Department of Banking and Insurance website to ensure a home repair contractor is properly licensed or has any enforcement actions as well as file a complaint; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of New Jersey are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during Contractor Fraud Awareness Week, May 18-22, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mikie Sherrill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MAY 18-22, 2026

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CONTRACTOR FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-fourth day of April in the year two thousand twenty-six, the two hundred fiftieth year of the Independence of the United States.

Dale G. Callahan
Lt. GOVERNOR

Mikie Sherrill
GOVERNOR