



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, New Jersey has a rich and diverse archaeological heritage, spanning at least 11,000 years of human history as represented by the thousands of archaeological sites that have been discovered and registered throughout our State; and

WHEREAS, archaeological discoveries provide tangible links with the past for individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, archaeological sites and artifacts are nonrenewable resources worthy of protection and preservation, with the archaeological information providing educational, scientific and economic benefits for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Archaeological Society of New Jersey has joined in partnership with the New Jersey State Museum in the Department of State, the Historic Preservation Office in the Department of Environmental Protection, other government agencies, private organizations, professional archaeologists and private citizens to enhance public awareness of archaeology; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is pleased to join in celebrating a special month to promote the study and conservation of archaeological resources and to reflect on the vital role of archaeology in revealing the unique legacy of our State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. MCGREEVEY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

MAY 2004

as

ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

in New Jersey, and urge all New Jerseyans to learn more about the archaeology of the Garden State and work to protect and preserve this important part of our rich cultural heritage.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this fifteenth day of April in the year of Our Lord two thousand four and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundred and twenty-eighth.

GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

REGENA L. THOMAS,
SECRETARY OF STATE