

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### *PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF GRIEF AWARENESS WEEK*

*Whereas*, grief is universal, and each year approximately 5,800 people die in the State of Delaware, directly affecting immediate and extended family, and leaving behind countless friends and colleagues to cope with significant voids in their lives; and

*Whereas*, vicarious grief from community disasters, and many deaths such as that of a life partner, treasured friend, colleague, or pet go unrecognized, unacknowledged, and unsupported; and

*Whereas*, grieving is a natural reaction and healthy response to death and other tragedies; and

*Whereas*, learning about the grieving process contributes to a more supportive and healing environment for those who are mourning; and

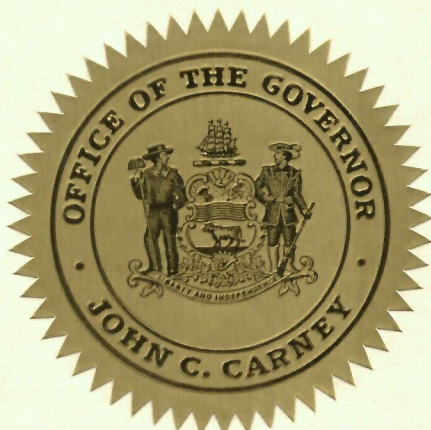
*Whereas*, a week set aside for grief awareness will enhance solidarity with our human mortality and our common need for mourning and healing; and

*Whereas*, we urge all communities during this week to remember and support those who have experienced a significant death in their lives, and to participate in community activities and educational events to increase their own knowledge of the grief process, so that neighborhoods, faith communities and workplaces can create a more supportive environment for those who are grieving.

*Now, Therefore, We, John C. Carney, Governor,  
and Bethany A. Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor,*  
do hereby declare the first week of November 2017, as

### *GRIEF AWARENESS WEEK*

in the State of Delaware, and we encourage all Delawareans to recognize the healing power of grieving following the death of a loved one.



*John C. Carney*  
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Governor

*Bethany A. Hall-Long*  
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Lieutenant Governor