

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL HOME VISITING WEEK

Whereas, evidence-based home visiting services are proven to increase optimal birth outcomes, promote health equity, reduce incidences of child abuse and neglect, enhance family self-sufficiency, strengthen parent/child relationships, and boost school readiness; and

Whereas, to support families, Delaware built and strengthened a coordinated home visiting system, training Home Visitors to assist pregnant women access quality prenatal care, provide health education, aid families in supporting their child's development, and help create safe and healthy environments for young children to thrive; and

Whereas, evidence-based home visiting models Early Head Start, Healthy Families America, Nurse Family Partnership, and Parents as Teachers in Delaware served over 1,400 families and provided over 13,000 home visits, including 3,000 virtual visits, in 2024; and

Whereas, community-based organizations and local school districts that provide home visiting services are dedicated to empowering and supporting the families they serve; and

Whereas, Delaware is committed to making families aware that high-quality evidence-based home visiting programs are available from prenatal to kindergarten entry.

Now, Therefore, I, Matthew Meyer, Governor, do hereby declare April 21-25, 2025, as NATIONAL HOME VISITING WEEK

in the State of Delaware, and urge all citizens to thank Home Visitors for their knowledge, professionalism, compassion, and commitment to their communities.

THE GOLDEN OF DELAMPS

Matthew Meyer Governor