



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the opening ceremony of the Jain Temple at Siddhachalam will take place from August 2nd to August 11th, 1991 in Blairstown, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, this Temple is the first major Jain holy place outside of the Republic of India; and

WHEREAS, His Holiness Acharya Sushil Kumarji Maharaj, the founder of the International Mahavir Jain Mission and a citizen of New Jersey, has dedicated his life to improving the quality of life in our society through the promotion of non-violence, the protection of animals, and ecological awareness; and

WHEREAS, thousands of devotees from across the globe have participated in the ceremonies, seminars, conferences, and spiritual retreats of the Jain Mission and have benefited from the peace inspiring message of this Hindu sect; and

WHEREAS, the Jain community has made many significant cultural and spiritual contributions to our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM FLORIO, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

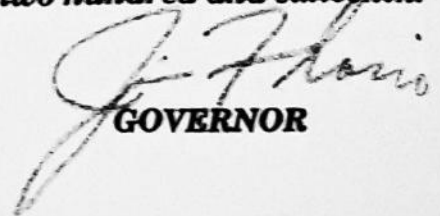
AUGUST 2 - 11, 1991

as

INTERNATIONAL MAHAVIR JAIN MISSION DAYS

in New Jersey.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this second day of August in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-one and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundred and sixteenth.


GOVERNOR



BY THE GOVERNOR:


JOHN HABER, SECRETARY OF STATE