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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Department of Health and Senior Services, it is a pleasure to acknowledge Home Health Aide Recognition Day 2011 and to celebrate the vital contributions that home health aides provide to New Jersey communities throughout the year.

Home health aides play an important role in our health care system. These professionals provide quality, cost effective front line care for our elderly and terminally ill residents facing illness, fragile children with health issues, and disabled and sick residents. Their assistance in helping clients with daily activities such as managing prescriptions, providing emotional and psychological support, assisting with rehabilitation, and grooming and hygiene services often allow our residents to remain in the comfort and security of their own homes.

I wish to commend the Home Care Association of New Jersey, Health Care Association of NJ, Home Care Counsel, Home Health Services and Staffing Association of NJ, Leading Age New Jersey, New Jersey Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, and the New Jersey Hospital Association for their sponsorship of today's event.

Thank you to the home health aide community for improving the lives of so many New Jerseyans. Please know that I wish you continued success in your endeavors and extend my best wishes to all gathered for a special day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary E. O'Dowd".

Mary E. O'Dowd, MPH  
Commissioner