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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the State of New Jersey, I am pleased to welcome all those gathered for the Walk for Suicide Prevention, hosted by the João José "John" Santos Charitable Organization and congratulate the deserving high school seniors who were awarded the João José 'John' Santos Memorial Scholarship.

As Governor, I recognize the importance of organizations that work to support individuals and families impacted by mental health challenges and suicide loss. The João José 'John' Santos Charitable Organization has demonstrated a strong commitment to raising awareness, promoting education, and helping reduce the stigma surrounding mental health in communities throughout our State.

Today's event not only honors the memory of João José "John" Santos but also highlights the strength and resilience of the students being recognized for their achievements and perseverance. Their stories and accomplishments serve as an inspiration to others and reflect the positive impact that compassion, advocacy, and community support can have on future generations.

I extend my sincere appreciation to Augusta Santos, the organization's volunteers, supporters, and community partners for their dedication and efforts in bringing people together for such a meaningful cause.

Best wishes for a successful and memorable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mikie Sherrill".

Mikie Sherrill
Governor