

# SENATE RESOLUTION No. 25

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**SYNOPSIS**

Urges Congress to increase minimum monthly allotment for Food Stamp Program.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** urging the Congress of the United States to  
2 increase the minimum monthly allotment for the federal Food Stamp  
3 Program.

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5 **WHEREAS**, The minimum monthly allotment for one-person and two-  
6 person households under the federal Food Stamp Program is  
7 currently \$10, which is the same amount as was established by the  
8 "Food Stamp Act of 1977"; and

9 **WHEREAS**, The amount of food that could be purchased in 1977 for  
10 \$10 costs \$29.19 in 2001; the amount of food that can be  
11 purchased in 2001 for \$10 only cost \$3.43 in 1977; and

12 **WHEREAS**, The "Mickey Leland Memorial Domestic Hunger Relief  
13 Act," which was enacted in 1990, amended the Food Stamp Act to  
14 annually adjust the minimum monthly allotment, with the result  
15 rounded to the nearest \$5, in accordance with annual adjustments  
16 to other elements of the Food Stamp Program; and

17 **WHEREAS**, The "Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity  
18 Reconciliation Act of 1996" amended the Food Stamp Act to  
19 remove the provision for annual adjustments to the minimum  
20 monthly allotment; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Annual cost-of-living adjustments are currently made to  
22 maximum monthly allotments and income eligibility standards for  
23 the Food Stamp Program; and

24 **WHEREAS**, The maximum monthly income, minus deductions  
25 allowable within the program, for eligibility for the Food Stamp  
26 Program is \$696 for one-person households and \$938 for two-  
27 person households; one-person households with a monthly income  
28 between \$400 and \$696 and two-person households with a monthly  
29 income between \$760 and \$938 are eligible for no more than the  
30 \$10 minimum monthly allotment; now, therefore,

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32 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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34 1. This House urges the Congress of the United States to increase  
35 the minimum monthly allotment for one-person and two-person  
36 households under the federal Food Stamp Program from \$10 to \$25  
37 and require that the minimum be adjusted annually in accordance with  
38 changes in the federal cost-of-living.

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40 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the  
41 President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary of the Senate,  
42 shall be forwarded to the Secretary of Agriculture, the presiding  
43 officers of the Congress of the United States and each member of New  
44 Jersey's Congressional delegation.

1 STATEMENT

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7 changes in the federal cost-of-living.

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10 which is the same amount as was established by the "Food Stamp Act  
11 of 1977." The amount of food that could be purchased in 1977 for  
12 \$10 costs \$29.19 in 2001, and the amount of food that can be  
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