

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 95

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SYNOPSIS

Encourages food service providers in the State House Complex to use New Jersey grown products and requests NJ Dept. of Agriculture assistance to vendors.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** encouraging food service vendors in
2 the State House Complex to use New Jersey grown agricultural
3 and horticultural products and commodities to the maximum
4 extent practicable, and memorializing the Department of
5 Agriculture to assist vendors for that purpose.

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7 **WHEREAS**, Locally grown New Jersey agricultural and horticultural
8 products and commodities are among the freshest and healthiest
9 food product choices possible, readily available to food service
10 vendors both seasonally and throughout much of the year; and

11 **WHEREAS**, “Jersey Fresh” and “Jersey Grown” brands developed by
12 the Department of Agriculture, and other agricultural and
13 horticultural products and commodities grown or raised on Garden
14 State farms, including fruits, berries, vegetables, herbs, dairy
15 products, eggs and greenhouse products, are of the highest quality;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, Encouraging and promoting the purchase of “Jersey Fresh”
18 and “Jersey Grown” agricultural and horticultural products and
19 commodities for use by food service vendors in the State House
20 Complex is in keeping with specification and purchasing policies
21 of the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the
22 Treasury, as prescribed by State law to State agencies or
23 departments, unless such purchases are inconsistent with the public
24 interest or the cost is unreasonable; and

25 **WHEREAS**, The purchase of New Jersey grown agricultural and
26 horticultural products and commodities by food service vendors
27 in the State House Complex would not only serve to complement
28 the Capitol buildings tourism theme, but also benefit vendors using
29 and promoting locally grown New Jersey food products by
30 enhancing their food selections; and

31 **WHEREAS**, The Department of Agriculture is best positioned to assist
32 food service vendors in the State House Complex in identifying
33 and accessing New Jersey grown products regarding the location
34 and time of year that “Jersey Fresh,” Jersey Grown” and other
35 agricultural food products and commodities are available, and in
36 contacting certified “Jersey Grown” suppliers; now, therefore,

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38 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New
39 Jersey:

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41 1. This House encourages food service vendors in the State
42 House Complex to use New Jersey grown agricultural and
43 horticultural products and commodities to the maximum extent
44 practicable, and memorializes the Department of Agriculture to
45 assist vendors for that purpose.

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47 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the
48 Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof,

1 shall be transmitted to the Director of the Division of Purchase and
2 Property in the Department of the Treasury, State House Complex
3 food service vendors, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chair of
4 the State Capitol Joint Management Commission.

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STATEMENT

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9 This resolution encourages food service vendors in the State
10 House Complex to use New Jersey grown agricultural and
11 horticultural products and commodities to the maximum extent
12 practicable, and memorializes the Department of Agriculture to
13 assist vendors for that purpose. “Jersey Fresh” and “Jersey Grown”
14 brands and other agricultural and horticultural products and
15 commodities grown or raised on Garden State farms, are of the
16 highest quality and among the freshest, most readily available and
17 healthiest food product choices, available throughout much of the
18 year.

19 Encouraging and promoting the purchase of New Jersey grown
20 agricultural and horticultural products and commodities in the State
21 House Complex is in keeping with specification and purchasing
22 policies of the Division of Purchase and Property, as prescribed by
23 State law to State agencies or departments, unless such purchases
24 are inconsistent with the public interest or the cost is unreasonable.
25 The purchase and promotion of New Jersey grown food products
26 and commodities by food service providers in the State House
27 Complex would serve both to enhance their food selections and to
28 complement the Capitol buildings tourism theme.

29 Since the Department of Agriculture is best positioned to assist
30 food service vendors in the State House Complex in identifying and
31 accessing New Jersey grown products regarding the location and
32 time of year that “Jersey Fresh,” “Jersey Grown” and other food
33 products and commodities are available, and in contacting certified
34 “Jersey Grown” producers, it is memorialized to assist vendors for
35 this purpose.