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SYNOPSIS
Designates "I'm From New Jersey" as State song.

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S51 CODEY, DOHERTY

AN ACT designating "I'm From New Jersey" as the State song.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. The State song shall be the words and music of the song entitled "I'm From New Jersey," composed by Joseph Rocco Mascari, professionally known as Red Mascara.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

"I'm From New Jersey" is a State song, written, published, recorded and produced especially for and dedicated to the State of New Jersey.

It is a State song which is also adaptable for local use to any municipality having a name containing two or three syllables.

Words and music are by Red Mascara, of Phillipsburg, New Jersey. Published by Sands Music Corp., 10153½ Riverside Drive #107, Toluca Lake, Cal. 91602, ASCAP, recorded on Anniversary Records by the Chordblenders with the Parke Frankenfield Orchestra. Commercially arranged by John Warrington. Licensed by the American Federation of Musicians of the U.S. and Canada.

Red Mascara has been the recipient of an ASCAPLUS Award in each year from 1999 to 2001.

"I'm From New Jersey" was written in the year 1960, and since then has been brought directly to the people of New Jersey for their approval and support. The following are some of the known accomplishments the song has to its credit as a result of the people's reaction.

"I'm From New Jersey" was first used as the official song for the Phillipsburg, N.J. Centennial Celebration in the spring of 1961.

It was the official song for the Alpha, N.J. and Milford, N.J. Golden Jubilee Celebrations in the summer of 1961.

It was the official song for the Dunellen, N.J. Diamond Jubilee, and West Orange, N.J. Centennial Celebrations in 1962.

An adapted version was also used as the official song for the Allentown, Pa. Bicentennial Celebration in the spring of 1962.

It was the introductory theme song on the Perry Como TV Show in his salute to the State of New Jersey on January 3, 1962.

It was the featured song in the South Amboy, N.J. Knights of Columbus Minstrel show on March 3, 1962.

In 1963, "I'm From New Jersey" was selected to be the official song for the Lopatcong, N.J. Centennial; Livingston, Sesquicentennial; Hillside, Golden Jubilee; Franklin, Golden Jubilee.
In connection with the 1964 New Jersey State Tercentenary Celebration, "I'm From New Jersey" was adopted by the Warren County Tercentenary Committee as the official song for Warren County during the celebration and was endorsed as the official State Song for New Jersey. It was also endorsed by the Union County Tercentenary Committee, Rutherford Tercentenary Committee, Hunterdon County Tercentenary Committee and was the featured song of many of the musical units for New Jersey which performed at the 1964 World's Fair.

"I'm From New Jersey" was also the theme song for the New Jersey State Republican Delegation to the Republican National Convention in 1964 and 1972.

In 1965, it was the official march song for the Morristown 250th Anniversary.

In 1966, it was the official song for the Miss N.J. World Beauty Pageant held in Long Branch, N.J.

In 1968, it was the theme song of the Franklin High School Band of Somerset, N.J. when it represented N.J. at the National Jaycee Convention in Arizona. It was also the theme song of the Oakcrest Regional High School Band of Mays Landing, N.J. when it represented N.J. in the Festival of States in St. Petersburg, Florida.


In 1979, a bill designated "I'm From New Jersey" as the official State song passed both houses of the New Jersey State Jaycees Model Legislature.

"I'm From New Jersey" was also the theme song for the 1979 Miss New Jersey Teen U.S.A., Valerie DePena, of Cherry Hill, N.J. in her campaign to become Miss Teen U.S.A.

In 1980, "I'm From New Jersey" was featured on the David Letterman show.

"I'm From New Jersey" was also featured on the "Uncle Floyd TV Show" on New Jersey Television.

In 1988, "I'm From New Jersey" was the official song for the Livingston, N.J. 175th Anniversary.

In 1989, "I'm From New Jersey" was featured on "The Osgood File" segment of the CBS-TV "This Morning Show."

The State version and adapted versions of "I'm From New Jersey" have been included in the school, youth and musical programs of many municipalities throughout the State, in addition to the song being adopted as the theme for many musical units in New Jersey. A number of municipalities have also adopted "I'm From New Jersey" as their official municipal song.

To date, "I'm From New Jersey" has been adopted or endorsed by the following municipalities and organizations, which represent millions of New Jerseyans.
Municipalities

1. Phillipsburg, N.J.
2. Alpha, N.J.
3. Milford, N.J.
4. Washington, N.J.
5. Hackettstown, N.J.
6. Belvidere, N.J.
7. Flemington, N.J.
8. Netcong, N.J.
9. Lambertville, N.J.
10. South Amboy, N.J.
11. South Brunswick, N.J.
12. Secaucus, N.J.
13. Dunellen, N.J.
14. West Orange, N.J.
15. South Brunswick, N.J.
16. Union, N.J.
17. Springfield, N.J.
18. Livingston, N.J.
19. Irvington, N.J.
20. New Brunswick, N.J.
22. Hoboken, N.J.
23. Hillside, N.J.
24. Union City, N.J.

Organizations

*1. N.J. State Association of Chiefs of Police (Statewide)
*2. N.J. State Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (Statewide)
3. Warren County American Legion
*4. New Jersey State Exchange Clubs (Statewide)
5. Phillipsburg Exchange Club
6. Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 395
*7. N.J. State Exempt Firemen's Association (Statewide)
8. Musicians Protective Union Local 379, covering Warren and part of Hunterdon counties
9. Phillipsburg Lions Club
10. Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie No. 1372
*11. N.J. State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles (Statewide)
12. Phillipsburg Junior Chamber of Commerce
*13. N.J. Department of Sertoma International (Statewide)
14. Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge No. 512
*15. N.J. State Moose Association, L.L.O.M. (Statewide)
16. Rotary Club of Phillipsburg
17. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4949
18. Warren Council 474 Knights of Columbus
I'M FROM NEW JERSEY

I'm From New Jersey and I'm proud about it,  
I love the Garden State;  
I'm From New Jersey and I want to shout it,  
I think it's simply great.
All of the other States throughout the nation,
May mean a lot to some;
But I wouldn't want another, Jersey is like no other,
I'm glad that's where I'm from.