

# ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 258

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

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**District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Affirms importance of modernizing and replacing certain natural gas pipelines in this State.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION affirming the importance of  
2 modernizing and replacing certain natural gas pipelines in this  
3 State.

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5 WHEREAS, Natural gas pipelines installed in this State in the early  
6 1900s consisted of cast iron and unprotected steel gas distribution  
7 and service pipelines to homes and businesses; and

8 WHEREAS, The replacement of natural gas pipelines that are more than  
9 100 years old is paramount to public safety and the reliability of  
10 natural gas infrastructure in this State; and

11 WHEREAS, The advent of new and innovative technologies used to  
12 extract natural gas from the ground has lead to a larger supply of  
13 natural gas; and

14 WHEREAS, Because there is a larger supply of natural gas, the citizens  
15 of this State are receiving lower electric and gas utility bills; and

16 WHEREAS, It would be prudent to use the savings realized from  
17 cheaper natural gas to invest in this State's natural gas  
18 infrastructure; and

19 WHEREAS, Modernizing the State's natural gas pipelines by replacing  
20 antiquated natural gas pipelines will spur economic growth by  
21 creating many new construction jobs and by incentivizing  
22 businesses to relocate to, or remain in, this State; and

23 WHEREAS, Modernizing the State's natural gas pipelines by replacing  
24 older natural gas pipelines will improve public safety in this State  
25 by reducing the occurrence of destructive accidents due to  
26 crumbling natural gas infrastructure; and

27 WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper for this House to affirm  
28 the importance of modernizing the State's natural gas pipelines by  
29 replacing antiquated natural gas pipelines in this State in order to  
30 ensure public safety, to improve the reliability of natural gas  
31 infrastructure, and to foster economic growth and job creation; now,  
32 therefore,

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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of New  
35 Jersey:

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37 1. This House affirms the importance of modernizing and  
38 replacing older natural gas pipelines in this State in order to ensure  
39 public safety, to improve the reliability of natural gas infrastructure,  
40 and to foster economic growth and job creation.

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42 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,  
43 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to each  
44 Commissioner of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

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STATEMENT

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48 This resolution affirms the importance of modernizing the State's  
49 natural gas pipelines by replacing older natural gas pipelines in

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1 order to ensure public safety, to improve the reliability of natural  
2 gas infrastructure, and to foster economic growth and job creation.

3 Natural gas pipelines installed in this State in the early 1900s  
4 consisted of cast iron and unprotected steel gas distribution and  
5 service pipelines to homes and businesses. The replacement of  
6 natural gas pipelines that are more than 100 years old is paramount  
7 to public safety and the reliability of natural gas infrastructure in  
8 this State.

9 The advent of new and innovative technologies used to extract  
10 natural gas from the ground has lead to a larger supply of natural  
11 gas. Because there is a larger supply of natural gas, the citizens of  
12 this State are receiving lower electric and gas utility bills. It would  
13 be prudent to use the savings realized from cheaper natural gas to  
14 invest in this State's natural gas infrastructure.

15 Modernizing and replacing antiquated natural gas pipelines will  
16 spur economic growth through the creation of many new  
17 construction jobs and improve public safety by reducing the  
18 occurrence of destructive accidents due to crumbling natural gas  
19 infrastructure.