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SYNOPSIS

Designates September 11 each year "September 11 Remembrance Day" in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT designating September 11 in each year as "September 11
2 Remembrance Day" in New Jersey and supplementing Title 36
3 of the Revised Statutes and chapter 36 of Title 18A of the New
4 Jersey Statutes.

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

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9 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

10 a. On September 11, 2001 armed terrorists hijacked four
11 passenger jets and used them as weapons against the United States
12 to destroy the World Trade Center, damage the Pentagon, and kill
13 more than 3,000 innocent people; and these tragic events have left
14 an indelible mark on the people of this great State and nation.

15 b. The infamy of the terrorist attack is transcended only by the
16 heroic bravery of police officers, firefighters, emergency services
17 personnel, and other citizens, who responded to the crisis and risked
18 their own lives, health, and safety and gave their all to either thwart
19 the terrorists' action or to assist the victims of the attack; and that
20 since the terrorist attacks, police officers, firefighters, and
21 emergency services personnel have been called upon to make even
22 greater sacrifices to ensure the safety and security of Americans.

23 c. All people should be aware of and remember the human
24 carnage and atrocities that occurred on September 11, 2001 and all
25 citizens of New Jersey are urged to reflect upon and remember the
26 innocent victims who perished in the attacks, the bravery of those
27 who rushed to their aid, and the resiliency of the American people.

28 d. It is fitting and proper for the State of New Jersey to
29 designate September 11 in each year as "September 11
30 Remembrance Day" in New Jersey.

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32 2. a. September 11 each year is designated as "September 11
33 Remembrance Day" in New Jersey in memory of those who lost
34 their lives in the terrorist attacks against the United States on
35 September 11, 2001, and in recognition of those who risked their
36 own lives to assist the victims of those attacks.

37 b. Local governments as well as patriotic organizations are
38 encouraged to hold public ceremonies on "September 11
39 Remembrance Day" to salute the contributions of police officers,
40 firefighters, and emergency services personnel to the security and
41 well-being of the people of this State and country and to read the
42 names of innocent victims of their respective communities who lost
43 their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11.

44 c. All American and State flags in New Jersey shall be flown at
45 half-staff each year on "September 11 Remembrance Day" in
46 memory of the innocent people and the police officers, firefighters,
47 and emergency services personnel who lost their lives on September
48 11, 2001.

1 3. The students and staff members of each public school in the
2 State shall observe a one minute period of silence each school year
3 at 10 A.M. on "September 11 Remembrance Day" in memory of
4 those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on the United States
5 on September 11, 2001, and in recognition of the police officers,
6 firefighters, emergency services personnel and other citizens of this
7 State and country who risked their own lives, health and safety to
8 assist the victims of these attacks.

9 Whenever "September 11 Remembrance Day" falls on a
10 Saturday, a Sunday or a holiday, it shall be observed on the school
11 day closest to September 11.

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13 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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18 This bill would designate September 11 in each year as
19 "September 11 Remembrance Day" in New Jersey in memory of
20 those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on the United States
21 on September 11, 2001 and in recognition of the police officers,
22 firefighters, emergency services personnel, and other citizens of this
23 State and country who risked their own lives, health and safety to
24 assist the victims of those attacks.

25 The observance of one minute of silence in public schools on
26 September 11 will serve as an annual reminder and lesson to
27 students that freedom is not free, but can be preserved only at the
28 cost of great personal sacrifice and adherence to duty.