

# ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 31

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Designates first week of May of each year as Wounded Warrior Appreciation Week.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the first week of May of each  
2 year as Wounded Warrior Appreciation Week.  
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4 **WHEREAS**, Many of our military veterans and service members have  
5 incurred physical and mental injuries, illnesses, and wounds in the  
6 service of the United States; and  
7 **WHEREAS**, With advancements in battlefield medicine and body  
8 armor, an unprecedented percentage of service members are  
9 surviving severe wounds and injures; and  
10 **WHEREAS**, It is estimated that during Operation Iraqi Freedom and  
11 Operation Enduring Freedom, for every United States soldier  
12 killed, seven are wounded for a combined total of over 48,000  
13 servicemen; and  
14 **WHEREAS**, In addition to the physical wounds, it is estimated that as  
15 many as 400,000 service members live with the invisible wounds of  
16 war including combat-related stress, major depression, and post-  
17 traumatic stress disorder, with another 320,000 believed to have  
18 experienced a traumatic brain injury while on deployment; and  
19 **WHEREAS**, These wounded warriors need programs uniquely  
20 structured to nurture their minds and bodies, to foster the most  
21 successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members  
22 in our nation’s history; and  
23 **WHEREAS**, This State should honor and empower all wounded  
24 warriors, encouraging them as they adjust back to civilian life and  
25 achieve their goals; now, therefore,

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27 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*  
28 *State of New Jersey:*  
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- 30 1. The first full week of May of each year is designated as  
31 “Wounded Warrior Appreciation Week” in New Jersey in order to  
32 raise public awareness to the unique courage and needs of wounded  
33 veterans in the service of the United States Military and encourage  
34 them in their adjustments to civilian life and achievement of their  
35 goals.  
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- 37 2. The Governor is respectfully requested to issue a  
38 proclamation calling upon public officials and citizens of this State  
39 to observe “Wounded Warrior Appreciation Week” with  
40 appropriate activities and programs.  
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- 42 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.  
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45 **STATEMENT**  
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47 This joint resolution designates the first full week of May of  
48 each year as Wounded Warrior Appreciation Week in New Jersey.

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2       unprecedented percentage of military service members are  
3       surviving severe wounds and injures in the service of the United  
4       States. It is estimated that during Operation Iraqi Freedom and  
5       Operation Enduring Freedom, over 48,000 servicemen and women  
6       were physically injured. In addition to the physical wounds, it is  
7       estimated that as many as 400,000 service members live with the  
8       invisible wounds of war including combat-related stress, major  
9       depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder, with another 320,000  
10      believed to have experienced a traumatic brain injury while on  
11      deployment.

12      This State should honor and empower all wounded warriors,  
13      encouraging them in their adjustment to civilian life and  
14      achievement of their goals.