

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 76

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Sponsored by:

Senator NELLIE POU

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Cruz-Perez

SYNOPSIS

Designates September 20th of each year as Hispanic Journalist Pride Day.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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- 1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating September 20th of each year as
2 Hispanic Journalist Pride Day.
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, Hispanic Americans represent 17.4 percent of the
5 population of the United States, making them one of the largest
6 racial or ethnic groups in America; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, From September 15 to October 15 each year, we celebrate
8 Hispanic Heritage Month in order to recognize and celebrate
9 Hispanic and Latino culture; and
- 10 **WHEREAS**, Among the numerous professions and occupations of
11 Hispanic Americans, Hispanic American journalists make
12 significant contributions in the news industry, developing careers in
13 print, broadcast, and online journalism in English and Spanish
14 language media; and
- 15 **WHEREAS**, The mission of the National Association of Hispanic
16 Journalists (NAHJ) is to increase the percentage of Hispanics
17 working in our nation’s newsrooms and to improve news coverage
18 of the Hispanic community; and
- 19 **WHEREAS**, NAHJ is the nation’s largest professional organization for
20 Hispanic journalists with more than 1,400 members working in
21 English and Spanish; and
- 22 **WHEREAS**, It is important to strengthen the unity and integration of
23 Hispanic journalists and support the creation of the Hispanic
24 Journalist Pride Day; and
- 25 **WHEREAS**, The creation of an Hispanic Journalist Pride Day is
26 supported by several national and state Hispanic press associations,
27 clubs, and civic organizations; and
- 28 **WHEREAS**, The annual celebration of Hispanic Journalist Pride Day on
29 September 20th of each year will be a fair-minded legacy and
30 recognition of the efforts, creativity, and the positive contributions
31 made by Hispanic journalists in the United States, in developing a
32 strong country with wide freedom of the press and thought; and
- 33 **WHEREAS**, The creation of Hispanic Journalist Pride Day will
34 highlight the important contributions that Hispanic Americans make
35 to our nation; now, therefore,
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- 37 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
38 *State of New Jersey:*
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- 40 1. a. September 20th of each year is designated as Hispanic
41 Journalist Pride Day in New Jersey in order to recognize and
42 celebrate the efforts, creativity, and positive contributions made by
43 Hispanic journalists in the United States.
- 44 b. The Governor is respectfully requested to issue a
45 proclamation each year calling upon public officials and citizens of
46 the State to observe the day with appropriate activities and
47 programs.
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- 49 2. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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1 STATEMENT

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3 This joint resolution designates September 20th of each year as
4 Hispanic American Journalist Pride Day to honor the efforts,
5 creativity, and positive contributions of Hispanic journalists in the
6 news industry.