ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 235

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS
Opposes President Trump’s decision to declare national emergency to fund wall on Mexico-US border.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.
AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION opposing President Trump’s decision
to declare a national emergency to fund a wall on the Mexico-
United States border.

WHEREAS, On Friday, February 15, 2019, President Trump declared a
state of national emergency to allocate nearly $8 billion for
construction of a wall on the Mexico-United States border; and
WHEREAS, President Trump has disregarded the role of the United
States Congress and the separation of powers by redirecting federal
money toward a border wall; and
WHEREAS, New Jersey has joined fifteen other states in filing a
lawsuit challenging President Trump’s national emergency
declaration to pay for a border wall; and
WHEREAS, The “National Emergencies Act”, which gives the
President the authority to declare a national emergency, is intended
for times of national crisis; and
WHEREAS, In the past, emergency declarations by previous presidents
have been used for addressing foreign policy crises, including
blocking terrorism-linked entities from accessing funds or
prohibiting investment in nations associated with human rights
abuses; and
WHEREAS, A true emergency is one that is unforeseen and
unforeseeable, a situation in which extraordinary times call for
extraordinary measures; and
WHEREAS, Although President Trump has stated that the majority of
illegal drugs enter the United States through unprotected borders,
according to United States Customs and Border Protection
statistics, the majority of illegal drugs seized along the border were
captured at legal points of entry; and
WHEREAS, Building a wall on the Mexico-US border to prevent illegal
drugs and undocumented immigrants from entering the country is
not a true emergency situation; and
WHEREAS, President Trump has abused his power by declaring a
national emergency in order to fund a border wall; now, therefore,

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

1. This House opposes President Trump’s decision to declare a
national emergency to fund a wall on the Mexico-United States
border.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the
President of the United States, the President of the United States
Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and
United States House of Representatives, and each member of the
United States Congress elected from this State.
This resolution opposes President Trump’s decision to declare a national emergency to fund a wall on the Mexico-United States border. President Trump has disregarded the separation of powers by redirecting federal money toward a border wall. President Trump has abused his power by declaring a national emergency where there is no true emergency. New Jersey has joined fifteen other states in filing a lawsuit challenging President Trump’s national emergency declaration to fund a border wall.