

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Designates October of each year as “First Responders Appreciation Month.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating October of each year as “First
2 Responders Appreciation Month.”

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4 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey’s first responders include paid and volunteer
5 members of law enforcement agencies, fire departments, emergency
6 medical services, and other organizations in the public safety sector
7 who work tirelessly to keep the residents of this State safe by taking
8 the call and responding in times of crisis; and

9 **WHEREAS**, First responders make a vital and irreplaceable
10 contribution to our State with their willingness to make our
11 communities stronger and safer; and

12 **WHEREAS**, In carrying out their duties, first responders frequently are
13 called upon to put their own lives in jeopardy as they respond to
14 dangerous and devastating incidents and disasters and, tragically,
15 some have paid the ultimate price carrying out their devotion to
16 service of others; and

17 **WHEREAS**, These burdens are carried not only by first responders, but
18 also by their families and loved ones who make great personal
19 sacrifices in order for the first responders to unstintingly serve the
20 residents of this State; and

21 **WHEREAS**, The deep commitment exhibited by first responders to our
22 communities is worthy of admiration and the residents of New
23 Jersey owe a debt of gratitude to the first responders who make our
24 State safe and secure; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Acts of kindness and appreciation from the communities
26 they serve provide first responders with needed encouragement and
27 support to confront the uncertainty they face every day; and

28 **WHEREAS**, It is fitting and proper that the State of New Jersey
29 recognize October of each year as “First Responders Appreciation
30 Month” to salute the contributions of law enforcement, firefighters,
31 and emergency services personnel to the security and well-being of
32 this State; now, therefore,

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

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37 1. The month of October is designated as “First Responders
38 Appreciation Month” in recognition of the commitment and service
39 first responders provide to residents of this State.

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41 2. The Governor respectfully is requested to issue annually a
42 proclamation recognizing October as “First Responders
43 Appreciation Month” in New Jersey and to call upon public
44 officials and the citizens of this State to observe the day with
45 appropriate activities and programs.

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47 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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New Jersey’s first responders include paid and volunteer members of law enforcement agencies, fire departments, emergency medical services, and other organizations in the public safety sector who work tirelessly to keep the residents of this State safe by taking the call and responding in times of crisis. First responders make a vital and irreplaceable contribution to our State with their willingness to make our communities stronger and safer.

In carrying out their duties, first responders frequently are called upon to put their own lives in jeopardy as they respond to dangerous and devastating incidents and disasters and, tragically, some have paid the ultimate price carrying out their devotion to service of others. These burdens are carried not only by first responders, but also by their families and loved ones who make great personal sacrifices in order for the first responders to unstintingly serve the residents of this State.

The deep commitment exhibited by first responders to our communities is worthy of admiration and the residents of New Jersey owe a debt of gratitude to the first responders who make our State safe and secure. Acts of kindness and appreciation from the communities they serve provide first responders with needed encouragement and support to confront the uncertainty they face every day. Accordingly, it is fitting and proper that the State of New Jersey recognize October of each year as “First Responders Appreciation Month” to salute the contributions of law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency services personnel to the security and well-being of this State.