

P.L. 2021, Joint Resolution No. 1, *approved March 9, 2021*
Senate Joint Resolution No. 82

- 1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating March 9 of each year as
2 “COVID-19 Heroes Day” in New Jersey.
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that has caused a global
5 pandemic, leading to an unprecedented and overwhelming public
6 health crisis throughout the United States; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey has the second highest incidence of COVID-
8 19 in the United States, leading to the State’s healthcare system and
9 economy becoming overwhelmed; and
- 10 **WHEREAS**, In response to the devastating effects COVID-19 has had
11 throughout New Jersey, the Governor issued a declaration of a State
12 of Emergency on March 9, 2020; and
- 13 **WHEREAS**, In an effort to combat COVID-19 and to provide necessary
14 services during the State of Emergency, essential workers have
15 been called upon to keep the State’s citizens safe and healthy; and
- 16 **WHEREAS**, Essential workers provide services which involve
17 interactions with the public and are essential to the public's health,
18 safety, and welfare during a State of Emergency, and includes
19 healthcare workers, first responders, pharmacy workers, postal
20 workers, childcare workers, food service workers, transportation
21 workers, warehouse workers, and all frontline workers; and
- 22 **WHEREAS**, Essential workers are willing to put their own health at risk
23 to continue to meet their existing responsibilities to maintain safety
24 and public health while overcoming staggering new challenges
25 posed by COVID-19; and
- 26 **WHEREAS**, These workers have risen to the task and carried out
27 critical missions designed to protect the health and safety of New
28 Jersey communities, and to minimize the disruption that COVID-19
29 has caused to daily life; and
- 30 **WHEREAS**, A designated day to commemorate essential workers
31 who continued to work during the COVID-19 pandemic is
32 necessary to help bring awareness to these heroes, and to
33 demonstrate support for those individuals that every day risked
34 their safety for the health and well-being of this State; now,
35 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. March 9 of each year shall be designated as “COVID-19
41 Heroes Day” in New Jersey to honor essential workers.

