

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 2

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen COLLINS and DORIA

- 1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** commemorating the 250th anniversary of the
2 founding of Princeton University and recognizing its long and close
3 relationship with the State of New Jersey and its importance to this State
4 and the nation.
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- 6 **WHEREAS**, This year, Princeton University in Princeton Borough, Mercer
7 County is celebrating the 250th anniversary of its founding in New Jersey;
8 and
9 **WHEREAS**, Princeton University has had a long and close relationship with the
10 State of New Jersey and a significant place in the history of this State and
11 the nation; and
12 **WHEREAS**, The first session of the New Jersey Legislature was held 220
13 years ago between August and October of 1776, at the University's
14 historic Nassau Hall; and
15 **WHEREAS**, During the session, the Legislature elected the great American
16 patriot William Livingston as the State's first Governor, provided for
17 troops for General Washington's fledgling army, and enacted laws
18 concerning the State's judiciary and electoral procedure, among other
19 actions; and
20 **WHEREAS**, In the brief time that the Legislature met at Princeton it succeeded
21 in establishing the legal foundation for the modern State of New Jersey; and
22 **WHEREAS**, Since then, the relationship between the State's government and
23 Princeton University has continued to be close and mutually beneficial; and
24 **WHEREAS**, Thousands of the University's alumni have worked in State service
25 and for New Jersey's counties and municipalities and many have served
26 in the State Legislature; and
27 **WHEREAS**, No fewer than 11 alumni have served as Governor of this State
28 with one, Woodrow Wilson, also serving as President of both the
29 University and the United States; and
30 **WHEREAS**, Thousands of the University's alumni have worked in the nation's
31 service, including two Presidents, dozens of federal cabinet officials,
32 hundreds of United States and state legislators and 44 Governors of other
33 states besides New Jersey; and
34 **WHEREAS**, Princeton University is currently one of the world's preeminent
35 educational institutions and it has among its enrollees 615 students from

1 New Jersey, representing every county in the State; and

2 **WHEREAS**, The University enjoys renown as a teaching and research institution
3 that has produced 29 Nobel Prize winners as either faculty or former
4 students; and

5 **WHEREAS**, With 6,300 students and 4,800 permanent employees, Princeton
6 University is the largest private employer in Mercer County and generates
7 nearly \$1 billion each year in economic activity and plays a major role in
8 the cultural life of this State; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Each year thousands of University faculty, staff and students work
10 as volunteers in community service throughout the State and region; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Since 1776, the Governor of this State has served as a trustee of
12 the University; and

13 **WHEREAS**, It is fitting and proper that the Legislature commemorate both the
14 250th anniversary of the founding of the University and recognize its long
15 and close relationship with the State of New Jersey and its importance to
16 this State and the nation; now, therefore,

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18 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey
19 (the Senate concurring):

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21 1. The New Jersey Legislature hereby commemorates the 250th
22 anniversary of the founding of Princeton University and recognizes the long
23 and close relationship between the University and the State of New Jersey and
24 the importance of the University to this State and the nation.

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26 2. A duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the President of
27 the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the
28 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the General Assembly, shall be
29 transmitted to the President of Princeton University.

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STATEMENT

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35 founding of Princeton University and recognizes the long and close relationship
36 between the University and the State of New Jersey and the importance of the
37 University to this State and the nation.

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5 and nation.