

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 12

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen GEIST and ASSELTA

1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION calling on county and municipal governments
2 and boards of education to reaffirm support for the observance of
3 Veterans' Day.

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5 WHEREAS, Veterans' Day dates back to November 11, 1919, the first
6 anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended World War I;
7 WHEREAS, Until 1954, November 11 was known as Armistice Day and
8 was the occasion to honor those who had given their lives in
9 World War I and, later, World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1954 federal legislation was enacted to designate
11 November 11 as Veterans' Day and to proclaim it as an occasion to honor
12 veterans of all wars; and

13 WHEREAS, Veterans' Day has also been proclaimed a public holiday in this
14 State, and the public offices of the State government are closed for the
15 transaction of business; and

16 WHEREAS, In the fast-paced life of this day and age, it is easy to lose sight
17 of the meaning of Veterans' Day, especially because of the
18 commercialization that has occurred in connection with this holiday; and

19 WHEREAS, It is important for all levels of government in this State, and
20 especially for schools in the State, to recognize and honor the service and
21 sacrifice of war by citizens of this State and to recognize and honor the sacrifice of
22 lives made while in service to the nation; and

23 WHEREAS, Schools should be particularly sensitive to the importance of
24 helping students to understand the meaning and significance of this holiday;
25 now, therefore,

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

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29 1. This House calls upon county and municipal governments and boards
30 of education in school districts to reaffirm support for the observance of
31 Veterans' Day by providing for appropriate ceremonies or by participating in
32 the public holiday.

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34 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of
35 the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted

1 to the New Jersey Association of Counties, the New Jersey League of
2 Municipalities, and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

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STATEMENT

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