

**ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 70**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

INTRODUCED MARCH 18, 1996

**By Assemblywoman WRIGHT and Assemblyman WOLFE**

1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** designating May 5, 1996 as Loyal Heart Award  
2 Day in New Jersey.  
3  
4 **WHEREAS**, There are over two million people in the State with disabilities  
5 whose civil rights are guaranteed under the "Americans with Disabilities Act  
6 of 1990"; and  
7 **WHEREAS**, A multitude of caregivers support persons with disabilities and  
8 assist them to achieve their fullest potentials; and  
9 **WHEREAS**, An awareness of these caregivers should be included ~~and~~  
10 the issues, expanded communications and awareness promotions  
11 that inform the public about the needs and concerns of people with  
12 disabilities; and  
13 **WHEREAS**, State, county and local governments have implemented  
14 inclusionary programs for persons with disabilities that they could not  
15 would not be able to attend without the loving care and assistance of  
16 those who assist them; and  
17 **WHEREAS**, Elayne Risley initiated the public recognition of these loyal  
18 caregivers because of her own personal experience and then as chair of the  
19 Middlesex County Chapter Coalition on Women and Disabilities, instituted  
20 the Loyal Heart Award; and  
21 **WHEREAS**, Persons with disabilities recognize and join in celebrating these  
22 selfless individuals who give of their time, care and consideration through  
23 the third annual Loyal Heart Award Day celebration; and  
24 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey is the leader in support and recognition of this  
25 humanitarian celebration on the first Sunday in May of each year and  
26 also supports a National celebration; and  
27 **WHEREAS**, In order to promote a spirit of community and to ensure  
28 continued public recognition of the important role these Loyal Heart Award  
29 recipients and all caregivers, who are often family members, friends,  
30 neighbors, health care professionals or aides, play in the life of a person  
31 with disabilities, it is only fitting that this day be celebrated during Human  
32 Potential Week; now, therefore,

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

2       :

3

4       1. The Governor is respectfully requested to designate May 5, 1996 as  
5 Loyal Heart Award Day in New Jersey.

6

7       2. The citizens of this State are urged to recognize the loyal efforts of  
8 caregivers and helpmates in helping persons with disabilities achieve their  
9 fullest potential.

10

11       3. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of  
12 the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk of the General Assembly,  
13 shall be transmitted to the Governor and the Commissioner of Human Services  
14 and the Middlesex County Chapter Coalition on Women and Disabilities.

15

16

17

STATEMENT

18

19       This resolution designates May 5, 1996 as Loyal Heart Award Day in New  
20 Jersey in order to provide public recognition to caregivers of persons with  
21 disabilities who give of their time, care and consideration.

22

23

24

\_\_\_\_\_

25

26 Designates May 5, 1996 as Loyal Heart Award Day in the State.