

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 76

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th anniversary of the  
2 ratification of the Twenty-Sixth Amendment to the Constitution of the  
3 United States.

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5 WHEREAS, The Twenty-Sixth Amendment to the Constitution of the United  
6 States was ratified on July 1, 1971, and gave Americans who are eighteen  
7 years of age or older the right to vote; and

8 WHEREAS, Twenty-five years ago, these young adults, then estimated to  
9 comprise nearly 45 percent of the country's population, had no right of  
10 suffrage, no representation and no means of directly participating in the  
11 political process; and

12 WHEREAS, Across the nation and this State, our leaders recognized this  
13 inequity of denying citizens and residents over the age of eighteen the vote,  
14 and ratified the Twenty-Sixth Amendment to uphold the principle that adult  
15 citizens must be able to vote in order to have a vital stake in the affairs of  
16 the State and country, and to actively participate in all facets of political and  
17 community life; and

18 WHEREAS, Many young people in New Jersey were active in promoting this  
19 amendment, and New Jersey's approval on May 4, 1971 made it the 22nd  
20 state to ratify this amendment; now, therefore,

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

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24 This House recognizes the activities of New Jersey's youth in promoting the  
25 adoption of the Twenty-Sixth Amendment to the Constitution of the United  
26 States and urges the citizens of this State to observe the 25th anniversary of  
27 its ratification with appropriate activities and programs.

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STATEMENT

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32 This resolution recognizes the efforts of New Jersey's youth in promoting  
33 the ratification of the Twenty-Sixth Amendment to the Constitution of the

1 United States which gave eighteen to twenty-one year-olds the right of  
2 suffrage, and urges New Jerseyans to commemorate the ratification with  
3 appropriate activities and programs.

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8 Commemorates the 25th anniversary of the ratification of the Twenty-Sixth  
9 Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving suffrage to 18-year old citizens.