

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 80

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 25, 1996

By Assemblyman CORODEMUS

1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** celebrating the 26th anniversary of Earth Day,
2 honoring the accomplishments of the previous quarter century of
3 environmental action and initiatives, and calling on all citizens of the State
4 to commit themselves to protecting, preserving, and enhancing the
5 environment and the quality of life for present and future generations.
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7 **WHEREAS**, April 22, 1996 marks the 26th anniversary of Earth Day, which
8 was first celebrated in 1970 and which marked a watershed in citizen
9 understanding of environmental issues as millions of Americans participated
10 in teach-ins, neighborhood cleanups, bill signings, and other activities to
11 demonstrate their concern for the environment and their desire to learn
12 more about nature, ecology, and other environmental concerns; and
13 **WHEREAS**, Earth Day 1970 was also the birth date of the New Jersey
14 Department of Environmental Protection as it is presently constituted, a
15 department which has, together with the Legislature, county and local
16 governments, the regulated community, and countless public interest and
17 local groups, developed and implemented numerous environmental
18 programs designed to preserve, protect and enhance the environment and
19 natural resources of this State; and
20 **WHEREAS**, April 22, 1996, the 26th anniversary of Earth Day, offers New
21 Jersey citizens an opportunity to reflect on the past years of progress in
22 environmental protection; and
23 **WHEREAS**, Earth Day 1996 also offers New Jersey citizens the opportunity
24 to look forward to the work yet to be done, and to rededicate themselves,
25 with the level of commitment and concern demonstrated over the past
26 quarter century, to solving the unsolved problems of the past as well as the
27 global and local challenges of the future; and
28 **WHEREAS**, It is entirely fitting and appropriate for this House, on this historic
29 occasion, to celebrate the 26th annual observance of Earth Day on April
30 22, 1996, and to urge New Jersey citizens to renew their commitment to
31 a clean and healthy environment; now, therefore,

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

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3 1. The General Assembly of the State of New Jersey hereby urges the
4 citizenry of this State to observe April 22, 1996 as Earth Day in the Garden
5 State, to participate in appropriate ceremonies and activities, and to rededicate
6 themselves to the goal of protecting, preserving and enhancing the environment
7 for the benefit of present and future generations.

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9 2. A duly authorized copy of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the
10 General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to
11 the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

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STATEMENT

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16 This resolution honors the historic occasion of the 26th anniversary of Earth
17 Day on April 22, 1996, and calls on all citizens of New Jersey to celebrate the
18 environmental achievements of the past and to rededicate their energies to
19 fulfilling the dream of a clean and safe environment for all present and future
20 generations.

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25 Celebrates April 22, 1996 as Earth Day.