

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 88

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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**By Assemblymen BODINE, ASSELTA, Assemblywoman Bark,
Assemblymen Blee, LeFevre and Gibson**

1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** memorializing the United States Fish and
2 Wildlife Service to authorize additional hunting opportunities for resident
3 Canada geese in New Jersey.
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5 **WHEREAS**, The Canada goose population residing year-round in New Jersey
6 has grown significantly over the past two decades; and

7 **WHEREAS**, This now large resident Canada goose population causes millions
8 of dollars worth of damage to farm crops every year, contributes to
9 nonpoint pollution through the great amount of fecal droppings deposited
10 by the geese either directly or indirectly into waterways, and generally
11 causes significant lawn maintenance, sanitation, and nuisance problems for
12 public parks, playgrounds, golf courses, schoolyards, and corporate parks;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, The extent and seriousness of the resident goose overpopulation
15 problem in New Jersey has been recognized previously by the granting of
16 an early goose hunting season in September before migrant Canada geese
17 arrive in New Jersey and a winter hunting season in some parts of the State
18 that do not host overwintering migrants, but these limited hunting
19 opportunities have not been enough to significantly reduce the population
20 to the extent necessary to curb the economic damage and general public
21 nuisance caused by these birds; now, therefore,
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23 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*
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25 1. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service is respectfully memorialized
26 to take all necessary action as soon as possible to authorize additional hunting
27 opportunities for resident Canada geese in New Jersey, by increasing the
28 number of hunting days allowed in September and in February, increasing the
29 area in which winter season hunting is allowed in the State, or increasing bag
30 limits, or by such other methods as may be deemed appropriate.
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32 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of
33 the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted
34 to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States

1 House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the United
2 States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, every member
3 of Congress elected from this State, the Director of the United States Fish and
4 Wildlife Service, and the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of
5 Environmental Protection.

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10 This resolution would memorialize the United States Fish and Wildlife
11 Service to take all necessary action as soon as possible to authorize additional
12 hunting opportunities for resident Canada geese in New Jersey, by increasing
13 the number of hunting days allowed in September and in February, increasing
14 the area in which winter season hunting is allowed in the State, or increasing
15 bag limits, or by such other methods as may be deemed appropriate.

16 The large resident Canada goose population in New Jersey causes millions
17 of dollars worth of damage to farm crops every year, contributes to nonpoint
18 pollution through the great amount of fecal droppings deposited by the geese
19 either directly or indirectly into waterways, and generally causes significant
20 lawn maintenance, sanitation, and nuisance problems for public parks,
21 playgrounds, golf courses, schoolyards, and corporate parks. This resolution
22 would urge the appropriate federal authorities to take the action necessary to
23 curb this significant and growing problem.

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28 Memorializes U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to expand resident goose hunting
29 opportunities in NJ.