

SENATE, No. 1845

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator MATHEUSSEN

1 AN ACT designating the month of November in each year as
2 "American Pride and Patriotism Month" in New Jersey.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. The Legislature finds and declares:

8 a. The United States of America is a country with a rich and
9 glorious history and a country in which its citizens take great pride in
10 its accomplishments and heritage.

11 b. The month of November is unique in the national calendar
12 because it contains two significant national holidays: Veterans' Day,
13 on the 11th, and Thanksgiving, on the fourth Thursday of the month.

14 c. Veterans' Day is of continuing importance because, while it was
15 first designated as the day to honor the veterans of World War One,
16 it now is the day to honor the bravery, dedication and sacrifices of the
17 veterans of all wars and conflicts in which this country has been
18 involved.

19 d. Thanksgiving is the national day to give thanks to Providence
20 for the natural abundance of and many blessings bestowed on this
21 nation throughout its history.

22 e. Pride in this country's heritage and in the men and women who
23 served in its armed forces in time of war or other emergency and the
24 desire to acknowledge its natural blessings are virtues that should be
25 nurtured and encouraged in our schools and society as a whole.

26 f. It is fitting and proper for this State government to promote
27 pride in and awareness of our country's heritage and patriotism by
28 designating the month of November as "American Pride and Patriotism
29 Month" in New Jersey.

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31 2. The month of November in each year is designated as "American
32 Pride and Patriotism Month" in the State of New Jersey.

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34 3. The Governor shall issue annually a proclamation designating
35 this month as "American Pride and Patriotism Month." All citizens of
36 this State as well as public and private organizations, including every
37 public school district, are urged to recognize "American Pride and

1 Patriotism Month" with appropriate observances.

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3 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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8 The purpose of this bill is to designate the month of November of
9 each year as "American Pride and Patriotism Month" in New Jersey.

10 The bill requires the Governor to issue annually a proclamation so
11 designating the month. The bill also urges all citizens of this State as
12 well as public and private organizations, including every public school
13 district in this State, to recognize "American Pride and Patriotism
14 Month" with appropriate observances.

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19 Designates the month of November each year as "American Pride and
20 Patriotism Month" in New Jersey.