

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 21

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator LIPMAN

- 1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating August 26th of each year as
2 Women's Equality Day in recognition of the ratification of the 19th
3 amendment to the United States Constitution and commending the
4 Alice Paul Centennial Foundation, Inc.
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- 6 **WHEREAS**, On August 26th, 1920, Tennessee became the necessary
7 36th state to ratify the 19th amendment to the United States
8 Constitution granting women the right to vote; and
9 **WHEREAS**, It is crucial that the importance of this date in the struggle
10 for equal rights and women's suffrage be remembered and
11 celebrated in New Jersey; and
12 **WHEREAS**, It is also crucial that the leaders of the women's suffrage
13 movement, especially Alice Paul, be remembered for their fight for
14 justice and equality; and
15 **WHEREAS**, Alice Paul, the architect of some of the most outstanding
16 political achievements for women in the early 20th century, was
17 born to Quaker parents and spent her childhood in Mount Laurel,
18 New Jersey; and
19 **WHEREAS**, Alice Paul founded the National Women's Party to obtain
20 women's suffrage and wrote the Equal Rights Amendment and the
21 equal rights statement that appeared in the United Nations Charter;
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23 **WHEREAS**, Alice Paul and the members of the National Women's
24 Party revitalized the suffrage movement with marches, White House
25 pickets and rallies; and
26 **WHEREAS**, Alice Paul wrote and campaigned for the
27 non-discrimination clause of the 1964 Civil Rights Act that
28 extended civil rights protection to women; and
29 **WHEREAS**, Alice Paul's home, "Paulsdale," was named a National
30 Historic Landmark, the only such landmark dedicated to a woman
31 in New Jersey; and
32 **WHEREAS**, It is fitting and proper that ratification of the 19th
33 amendment to the United States Constitution be remembered,
34 honored and celebrated and that the Alice Paul Centennial
35 Foundation, Inc. be commended for its activities; now, therefore,

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

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4 1. August 26th of each year is designated as Women's Equality Day
5 in recognition of the fact that on that date Tennessee became the
6 necessary 36th state to ratify the 19th amendment to the United States
7 Constitution granting women the right to vote.

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9 2. The Alice Paul Centennial Foundation, Inc. is commended for
10 the dedication of its members in creating a national leadership training
11 center for women and keeping the dreams of Alice Paul alive.

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13 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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18 This joint resolution designates August 26th of each year as
19 Women's Equality Day in recognition of the fact that on that date
20 Tennessee became the necessary 36th state to ratify the 19th
21 amendment to the United States Constitution granting women the
22 right to vote. The resolution also commends the Alice Paul Centennial
23 Foundation, Inc. for the dedication of its members in creating a
24 national leadership training center for women and keeping the dreams
25 of Alice Paul alive.

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30 Designates August 26th of each year as Women's Equality Day;
31 commends Alice Paul Centennial Foundation.