

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 23

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator BENNETT

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the second Saturday of June each
2 year as "Delaware Bay Day" in New Jersey.

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4 WHEREAS, The Delaware bay is a thriving ecosystem, a wetland of
5 international significance, and home to 130 fish species, hundreds
6 of thousands of shore birds, waterfowl and raptors; and

7 WHEREAS, A major river system of the Delaware bay, the Maurice
8 river and its tributaries, has been included in the National Wild and
9 Scenic Rivers System; and

10 WHEREAS, A healthy, prosperous integration of industry and the
11 environment can be based on the recognition that the life of the
12 Delaware bay is important to our economy; and

13 WHEREAS, The rich natural and cultural heritage of the Delaware bay
14 has been celebrated on "Delaware Bay Day" since 1993 with family
15 activities, crafts, exhibits and entertainment; and

16 WHEREAS, The host of this event has been the Delaware Bay
17 Schooner Project, whose mission "is to build stewardship and
18 provide education to conserve and enrich the culture, history, and
19 natural resources of the Delaware Estuary;" and

20 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for the State of New Jersey to recognize
21 and celebrate the importance and beauty of the Delaware bay
22 ecosystem in the early part of June each year; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
25 of New Jersey:

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27 1. The second Saturday in June of each year shall be designated as
28 "Delaware Bay Day" in New Jersey for the purposes of recognizing
29 and celebrating the importance and beauty of the Delaware bay
30 ecosystem.

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32 2. The people of the State and all appropriate State and local
33 governmental entities are urged to observe "Delaware Bay Day" by
34 participating in activities that recognize and celebrate the importance
35 and beauty of the Delaware bay ecosystem.

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37 3. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution shall be transmitted

1 to the Director of the Division of Travel and Tourism, in the
2 Department of Commerce and Economic Development, the
3 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, and the governing body
4 of every municipality located within a county bordering on the
5 Delaware bay.

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7 4. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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10 STATEMENT

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12 This joint resolution would designate the second Saturday in June
13 of each year as "Delaware Bay Day" in New Jersey. The Delaware bay
14 is a thriving ecosystem, a wetland of international significance, and
15 home to 130 fish species, hundreds of thousands of shore birds,
16 waterfowl and raptors. A major river system of the Delaware bay, the
17 Maurice river and its tributaries, has been included in the National
18 Wild and Scenic Rivers System. A healthy, prosperous integration of
19 industry and the environment can be based on the recognition that the
20 life of the Delaware bay is important to our economy. The rich natural
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22 "Delaware Bay Day" since 1993 with family activities, crafts, exhibits
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24 Schooner Project, whose mission "is to build stewardship and provide
25 education to conserve and enrich the culture, history, and natural
26 resources of the Delaware Estuary.

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31 Designates 2nd Saturday of June as "Delaware Bay Day."