

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 17

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 22, 1996

By Senator SINAGRA

1   **A SENATE RESOLUTION** designating May 5, 1996 as Loyal Heart Award Day  
2       in New Jersey.

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4   **WHEREAS**, There are over two million people in the State with disabilities  
5       whose civil rights are guaranteed under the "Americans with Disabilities Act  
6       of 1990"; and

7   **WHEREAS**, A multitude of caregivers support persons with disabilities and  
8       assist them to achieve their fullest potentials; and

9   **WHEREAS**, An awareness of these caregivers should be included   and  
10   the issues, expanded communications and awareness       promotions  
11   that inform the public about the needs and concerns of people       with  
12   disabilities; and

13   **WHEREAS**, State, county and local governments have implemented  
14   inclusionary programs for persons with disabilities that they could not  
15   would not be able to attend without the loving care and       assistance of  
16   those who assist them; and

17   **WHEREAS**, Elayne Risley initiated the public recognition of these loyal  
18       caregivers because of her own personal experience and then as chair of the  
19       Middlesex County Chapter Coalition on Women and Disabilities, instituted  
20       the Loyal Heart Award; and

21   **WHEREAS**, Persons with disabilities recognize and join in celebrating these  
22       selfless individuals who give of their time, care and consideration through  
23       the third annual Loyal Heart Award Day celebration; and

24   **WHEREAS**, New Jersey is the leader in support and recognition of this  
25   humanitarian celebration on the first Sunday in May of each year   and  
26   also supports a National celebration; and

27   **WHEREAS**, In order to promote a spirit of community and to ensure  
28   continued public recognition of the important role these Loyal Heart Award  
29   recipients and all caregivers, who are often family   members, friends,  
30   neighbors, health care professionals or aides, play   in the life of a person  
31   with disabilities, it is only fitting that this day be celebrated during Human  
32   Potential Week; now, therefore,

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34       **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of New Jersey :  
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1       1. The Governor is respectfully requested to designate May 5, 1996 as  
2 Loyal Heart Award Day in New Jersey.

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4       2. The citizens of this State are urged to recognize the loyal efforts of  
5 caregivers and helpmates in helping persons with disabilities achieve their  
6 fullest potential.

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8       3. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of  
9 the Senate and attested by the Secretary of the Senate, shall be transmitted to  
10 the Governor and the Commissioner of Human Services and the Middlesex  
11 County Chapter Coalition on Women and Disabilities.

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#### STATEMENT

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16       This resolution designates May 5, 1996 as Loyal Heart Award Day in New  
17 Jersey in order to provide public recognition to caregivers of persons with  
18 disabilities who give of their time, care and consideration.

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23       Designates May 5, 1996 as Loyal Heart Award Day in the State.