

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 19

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators BENNETT, KYRILLOS and Martin

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION celebrating the 26th anniversary of Earth Day,  
2 honoring the accomplishments of the previous quarter century of  
3 environmental action and initiatives, and calling on all citizens of the State  
4 to commit themselves to protecting, preserving, and enhancing the  
5 environment and the quality of life for present and future generations.  
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7 WHEREAS, April 22, 1996 marks the 26th anniversary of Earth Day, which  
8 was first celebrated in 1970 and which marked a watershed in citizen  
9 understanding of environmental issues as millions of Americans participated  
10 in teach-ins, neighborhood cleanups, bill signings, and other activities to  
11 demonstrate their concern for the environment and their desire to learn  
12 more about nature, ecology, and other environmental concerns; and  
13 WHEREAS, Earth Day 1970 was also the birth date of the New Jersey  
14 Department of Environmental Protection as it is presently constituted, a  
15 department which has, together with the Legislature, county and local  
16 governments, the regulated community, and countless public interest and  
17 local groups, developed and implemented numerous environmental  
18 programs designed to preserve, protect and enhance the environment and  
19 natural resources of this State; and  
20 WHEREAS, April 22, 1996, the 26th anniversary of Earth Day, offers New  
21 Jersey citizens an opportunity to reflect on the past years of progress in  
22 environmental protection; and  
23 WHEREAS, Earth Day 1996 also offers New Jersey citizens the opportunity  
24 to look forward to the work yet to be done, and to rededicate themselves,  
25 with the level of commitment and concern demonstrated over the past  
26 quarter century, to solving the unsolved problems of the past as well as the  
27 global and local challenges of the future; and  
28 WHEREAS, It is entirely fitting and appropriate for this House, on this historic  
29 occasion, to celebrate the 26th annual observance of Earth Day on April  
30 22, 1996, and to urge New Jersey citizens to renew their commitment to  
31 a clean and healthy environment; now, therefore,  
32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:  
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34 1. The Senate of the State of New Jersey hereby urges the citizenry of this

1 State to observe April 22, 1996 as Earth Day in the Garden State, to  
 2 participate in appropriate ceremonies and activities, and to rededicate  
 3 themselves to the goal of protecting, preserving and enhancing the environment  
 4 for the benefit of present and future generations.

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6 2. A duly authorized copy of this resolution, signed by the President of the  
 7 Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to the  
 8 Governor of the State of New Jersey.

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13 This resolution honors the historic occasion of the 26th anniversary of Earth  
 14 Day on April 22, 1996, and calls on all citizens of New Jersey to celebrate the  
 15 environmental achievements of the past and to rededicate their energies to  
 16 fulfilling the dream of a clean and safe environment for all present and future  
 17 generations.

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22 Celebrates April 22, 1996 as Earth Day.