

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 89

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators BENNETT and McNAMARA

1    **A SENATE RESOLUTION** celebrating the 27th 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, 1997 marks the 27th 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, 1997, the 27th 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 1997 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 27th annual observance of Earth Day on April  
30   22, 1997, and to urge New Jersey citizens to renew their commitment to  
31   a clean and healthy environment; now, therefore,

1       **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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3       1.   The Senate of the State of New Jersey hereby urges the citizenry of  
4   this State to observe April 22, 1997 as Earth Day in the Garden State, to  
5   participate in appropriate ceremonies and activities, and to rededicate  
6   themselves to the goal of protecting, preserving and enhancing the environment  
7   for the benefit of present and future generations.

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

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# STATEMENT

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16       This resolution honors the historic occasion of the 27th anniversary of Earth  
17   Day on April 22, 1997, and calls on all citizens of New Jersey to celebrate the  
18   environmental achievements of the past and to rededicate their energies to  
19   fulfilling the dream of a clean and safe environment for all present and future  
20   generations.

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25   Celebrates April 22, 1997 as Earth Day.