

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION No. 153

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 15, 2021

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Joint Resolution No. 153.

As reported by the committee, this joint resolution designates the month of October as “Cyber Security Awareness Month” in New Jersey to educate the citizens of the State on the risks of the Internet and the importance of being safe and responsible cyberspace users. The resolution also requires the Governor to issue a proclamation calling on public officials and citizens of New Jersey to observe October as “Cyber Security Awareness Month.”

Access to cyberspace has become a vital resource in our society, allowing the residents of New Jersey to better connect with family and friends, remotely complete business transactions, work more efficiently, achieve educational goals, and connect to digital resources and services. Although access to cyberspace provides many benefits, there also are potential risks to our confidential information, personal privacy, and personal safety. This resolution promotes educating the citizens of this State on how to create a safe digital community and calls for activities and programs to increase awareness of this issue.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Joint Resolution No. 153 is identical to Senate Joint Resolution No. 126, which also was reported by the committee on this same date.