## ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION No. 205

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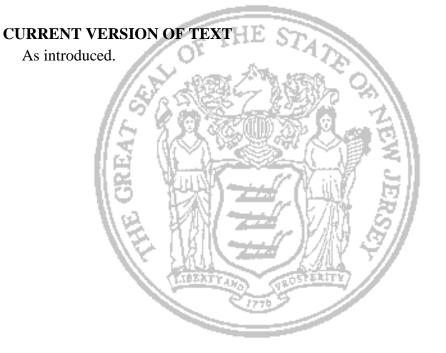
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## **SYNOPSIS**

Designates December of 3rd of each year as "International Day of Persons with Disabilities."



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/22/2021)

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating December 3rd of each year as 2 "International Day of Persons with Disabilities."

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- 4 WHEREAS, Disability inclusion is an essential condition to 5 upholding human rights, sustainable development, and peace and 6 security; and
- 7 WHEREAS, People with disabilities are one of the most excluded 8 groups in our society, as these individuals are less likely to 9 access health care, education, employment and to participate in 10 the community and are among the hardest hit in this crisis in 11 terms of fatalities; and
- WHEREAS. 12 The global crisis of COVID-19 is deepening preexisting inequalities, exposing the extent of exclusion and 13 14 highlighting that work on disability inclusion is imperative; and
- 15 WHEREAS, The annual observance of the International Day of 16 Disabled Persons was proclaimed in 1992 by United Nations 17 (UN) General Assembly Resolution 47/3, which aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all 18 spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of 19 20 the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life; and 21
- 22 WHEREAS, Building on many decades of the UN's work in the field 23 of disability, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with 24 Disabilities has further advanced the rights and well-being of 25 persons with disabilities in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda 26 for Sustainable Development and other international development 27 frameworks; and
  - WHEREAS, The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization marked the International Day of Persons with Disabilities this year with a week-long program under the theme: "Building back better: towards an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post COVID-19 world by, for and with persons with disabilities;" and organized a global awareness raising campaign on its official social media channels, focusing on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people living with disabilities and on the immediate response to the crisis through open, inclusive and innovative use of digital solutions, tools and resources; and
- 38 WHEREAS, As an early epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic in the 39 United States, New Jersey suffered heavy losses, which revealed 40 many of the systematic disparities that continue to exist in this 41 State; therefore, it is proper and fitting that this State promotes the 42 public understanding of the inequalities that exclude people living with disabilities, mobilizes support for the dignity, rights, and well-43 44 being of persons with disabilities, and increases awareness of the 45 gains derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in 46 every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life; now, therefore, 47

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate and General Assembly of the

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economic and cultural life.

State of New Jersey:

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4	1. December 3rd of each year is designated as "International
5	Day of Persons with Disabilities" in the State of New Jersey, and
6	the citizens are urged to observe the day with appropriate activities
7	and programs.
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9	2. The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a
10	proclamation calling upon public officials and the citizens of New
11	Jersey to observe the day with appropriate activities and programs.
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13	3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.
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16	STATEMENT
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18	This joint resolution designates December of 3rd of each year as
19	"International Day of Persons with Disabilities" in New Jersey to
20	State promote the public understanding of the inequalities that
21	exclude people living with disabilities, mobilize support for the

dignity, rights, and well-being of persons with disabilities, and

increase awareness of the gains derived from the integration of

persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social,

The joint resolution respectfully requests the Governor to

annually issue a proclamation recognizing December of 3rd as

"International Day of Persons with Disabilities" in New Jersey and

calls upon public officials and the citizens of New Jersey to observe

the day with appropriate activities and programs.