## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 22

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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#### SYNOPSIS

Designates September 11th of each year as "Heroes Day."

#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee with technical review.



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A JOINT RESOLUTION designating September 11th of each year as 1 2 "Heroes Day." 3 4 WHEREAS, The attack on the United States on September 11, 2001 5 resulted in the deaths of thousands of innocent people, injury to countless others, and the disruption of innumerable lives; and 6 7 WHEREAS, Victims of this unconscionable act included civilians, 8 government workers, military personnel, airline passengers and crew members, police officers, firefighters, and paramedics; and 9 10 WHEREAS, The events of September 11, 2001 brought to the forefront the courageous deeds performed by members of the 11 Armed Forces, police officers, firefighters, and emergency 12 13 services personnel, and caused the citizens of the State of New 14 Jersey to take notice of their acts of heroism; and 15 WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Forces, police officers, firefighters, 16 and emergency services personnel throughout the State are called 17 upon to serve and protect their fellow citizens, acting heroically to save the lives of others in spite of the clear danger to their own 18 19 lives; and 20 WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Forces, police officers, firefighters, 21 and emergency services personnel are routinely subjected to 22 dangerous situations, called upon to work overtime without proper rest, and spend time away from their families and loved ones; and 23 24 WHEREAS, Since the terrorist attacks on this Nation on September 25 11, 2001, members of the Armed Forces, police officers, 26 firefighters, and emergency services personnel throughout the 27 State have been called upon to make even greater sacrifices to 28 ensure the safety and security of Americans; and 29 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the State of New Jersey recognize September 11th of each year as "Heroes Day," to 30 31 salute the contributions of members of the Armed Forces, police 32 officers, firefighters, and emergency services personnel to the 33 security and well-being of this State; now, therefore, 34 35 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate and General Assembly of the 36 State of New Jersey: 37 38 1. a. September 11th of each year shall be designated as "Heroes Day" in New Jersey to salute the contributions of members 39 40 of the Armed Forces, police officers, firefighters, and emergency 41 services personnel to the security and well-being of this State. 42 b. The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation establishing September 11th of each year as "Heroes Day" and call 43 44 upon all citizens of the State to celebrate this day with appropriate 45 activities and programs. 46 47 2. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.