

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 81

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Designates second week of November of each year as “National Apprenticeship Week in New Jersey.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the second week of November of
2 each year as “National Apprenticeship Week in New Jersey.”

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 **WHEREAS**, The National Apprenticeship Act of 1937 was approved on
8 August 16, 1937, thereby establishing the National Registered
9 Apprenticeship System, a comprehensive system of partnering
10 among employers, labor education institutions, and federal and state
11 governments to shape skilled training for American workers; and

12 **WHEREAS**, The State of New Jersey recognizes that the 21st century
13 economy demands a highly-skilled workforce that possesses
14 industry-recognized post-secondary degrees and credentials, and the
15 ability to respond immediately to changing economic and business
16 needs; and

17 **WHEREAS**, The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA),
18 signed into law on July 22, 2014, provides Americans with increased
19 access to training, education, and work-based learning experiences
20 necessary to succeed in the labor market; and

21 **WHEREAS**, WIOA requires states to strategically align workforce
22 development to ensure that employment and work-based training
23 services are coordinated, so that job-seekers acquire industry-
24 recognized credentials for in-demand occupations that meet the
25 employers’ needs; and

26 **WHEREAS**, The registered apprenticeship system has been used for
27 more than 80 years to meet the needs of employers seeking a highly-
28 skilled workforce and the needs of employees seeking a flexible
29 training model which combines related technical instruction with
30 structured, on-the-job learning experiences; and

31 **WHEREAS**, Registered apprenticeship is a vital component of talent
32 development strategies in many high demand and high growth
33 sectors; and

34 **WHEREAS**, According to the United States Department of Labor, New
35 Jersey currently has more than 7,200 active registered apprentices
36 and more than 700 registered apprenticeship sponsors; and

37 **WHEREAS**, Completion of an apprenticeship program leads to an
38 industry-driven, nationally recognized credential that certifies
39 occupational proficiency, which other employers will recognize as
40 valuable and on which the apprentice can build to further his or her
41 skills, knowledge, and education; now, therefore,

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43 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
44 *of New Jersey:*

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46 1. The second week of November of each year is designated as
47 “National Apprenticeship Week in New Jersey,” in
48 acknowledgement of the importance of apprenticeship programs in

1 our State and the positive impact they have on individuals and
2 businesses.

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4 2. The Governor is requested to annually issue a proclamation
5 recognizing the second week of November as “National
6 Apprenticeship Week in New Jersey” and shall call upon public
7 officials and all residents of the State to observe the week with
8 appropriate activities and programs.

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10 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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15 This joint resolution designates the second week of November of
16 each year as “National Apprenticeship Week in New Jersey” in
17 acknowledgement of the importance of apprenticeship programs in
18 our State and the positive impact they have on individuals and
19 businesses.

20 The State also recognizes that the 21st century economy demands
21 a highly-skilled workforce that possesses industry-recognized post-
22 secondary degrees and credentials, and the ability to respond
23 immediately to changing economic and business needs.

24 The registered apprenticeship system, established under the
25 National Apprenticeship Act of 1937, has been used for more than
26 eight decades to meet the needs of employers seeking a highly-skilled
27 workforce and the needs of employees seeking a flexible training
28 model which combines related technical instruction with structured
29 on-the-job learning experiences.

30 Completion of an apprenticeship program leads to an industry-
31 driven, nationally recognized credential that certifies occupational
32 proficiency; this means that other employers will recognize its value
33 and the apprentice can build on its foundation to further skills,
34 knowledge, and education.