## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 81

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

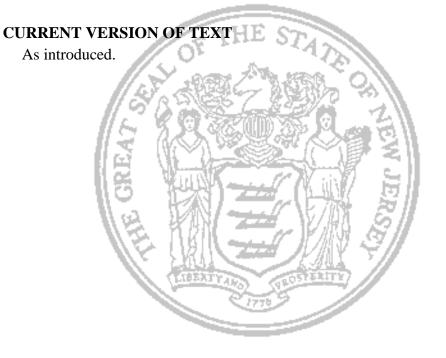
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Sponsored by: Senator TROY SINGLETON District 7 (Burlington) Senator LINDA R. GREENSTEIN District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex) Senator STEVEN V. OROHO District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

Co-Sponsored by: Senators Corrado, Testa and Pou

#### SYNOPSIS

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



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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	<b>BE IT RESOLVED</b> by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5	of New Jersey:
6 7	Winner of The National Amounticeship Act of 1027 was approved on
7 8	<b>WHEREAS,</b> The National Apprenticeship Act of 1937 was approved on August 16, 1937, thereby establishing the National Registered
o 9	August 10, 1957, thereby establishing the National Registered Apprenticeship System, a comprehensive system of partnering
9 10	among employers, labor education institutions, and federal and state
10	governments to shape skilled training for American workers; and
12	WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey recognizes that the 21 <sup>st</sup> century
12	economy demands a highly-skilled workforce that possesses
13	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	<b>BE IT RESOLVED</b> by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
44	of New Jersey:
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46 47	1. The second week of November of each year is designated as "National Appropriate Week in New Jarsey" in
47 19	"National Apprenticeship Week in New Jersey," in
48	acknowledgement of the importance of apprenticeship programs in

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 businesses.

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

3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

### STATEMENT

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

The State also recognizes that the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy demands a highly-skilled workforce that possesses industry-recognized postsecondary degrees and credentials, and the ability to respond immediately to changing economic and business needs.

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