# SENATE RESOLUTION No. 105 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by: Senator STEPHEN M. SWEENEY District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

### SYNOPSIS

Expresses appreciation and support for essential workers with disabilities or who are blind.

## **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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- 1 A SENATE RESOLUTION expressing appreciation and support for essential workers with disabilities or who are blind. 2 3 4 The current coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic has WHEREAS, 5 required the continuation of essential services throughout the pandemic, especially in areas where most businesses and 6 7 government buildings have closed; and 8 WHEREAS, Essential services include performing daily janitorial 9 services deep cleaning and sanitizing services, emergency cleaning, 10 management, document pickup and shredding, document 11 supporting State efforts to establish temporary hospitals, and 12 sourcing and providing other essential supplies and services 13 necessary for State operations across many State and local 14 government locations and buildings; and 15 WHEREAS, Essential services are performed in large part by essential workers with disabilities or who are blind that work through 16 17 disability service providers that provide training, job coaches, transportation, or any other needed supports to help these essential 18 19 workers in performing essential work; and 20 WHEREAS, The State has recognized the importance of these essential service jobs by passing laws that support the hiring of individuals 21 22 with disabilities or who are blind to fill the need for essential 23 services; and 24 WHEREAS, The essential workforce is vital to the economy of the 25 State of New Jersey and these essential jobs are vital to the personal 26 economies and well-being of the essential workforce, many of 27 whom have disabilities or are blind; and WHEREAS. Essential workers with disabilities or who are blind were 28 29 essential before the pandemic and will continue to be essential after 30 the pandemic has passed into history; and WHEREAS, Essential workers that have disabilities or are blind play a 31 central and invaluable role in protecting the State of New Jersey 32 33 and have continued to perform their regular duties and more 34 throughout the pandemic and therefore, it is proper and fitting that 35 this State recognizes these workers for their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice; now, therefore, 36 37 38 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of New Jersey: 39 40 1. This House recognizes the essential work performed by individuals with disabilities or who are blind during the 2020 41 This House recognizes and thanks these essential 42 pandemic. workers for the vital contributions that they have made and will 43 44 continue to make to this country and State. 45 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, 46 47 shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Governor of this State and ACCSES NJ. 48

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#### STATEMENT

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This Senate resolution recognizes the essential work performed
by individuals with disabilities or who are blind during the 2020
pandemic.

6 The current coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic has required the 7 continuation of essential services throughout the pandemic, 8 especially in areas where most businesses and government buildings 9 have closed. Essential services include performing daily janitorial 10 services deep cleaning and sanitizing services, emergency cleaning, 11 document management, document pickup and shredding, supporting 12 State efforts to establish temporary hospitals, and sourcing and providing other essential supplies and services necessary for State 13 14 operations across many State and local government locations and 15 buildings.

16 Essential services are performed in large part by essential 17 workers with disabilities or who are blind. The State has 18 recognized the importance of these essential service jobs by passing 19 laws that support the hiring of individuals with disabilities or who 20 are blind to fill the need for essential services. The essential workforce is vital to the economy of the State of New Jersey and 21 22 these essential jobs are vital to the personal economies and well-23 being of the essential workforce. Essential workers that have 24 disabilities or are blind play a central and invaluable role in 25 protecting the State of New Jersey and have continued to perform 26 their regular duties and more throughout the pandemic and 27 therefore, it is proper and fitting that this State recognizes these 28 workers for their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice.