

ASSEMBLY AGING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION No. 86

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Joint Resolution No. 86.

This joint resolution permanently designates the fourth Wednesday in May as “Crisis Professionals Day.” Crisis professionals are trained professionals that engage with people who are experiencing a crisis. These professionals directly engage with people when they are most vulnerable, oftentimes as a result of their illness and trauma, in effort to deescalate the crisis using methods that center around empathy, support, and hope.

Crisis professionals face high-stress situations on a regular basis and as a result have earned the State’s highest respect and gratitude. It is fitting to recognize and honor the life changing and lifesaving services that crisis professionals provide, as well as, the invaluable contributions they have provided to thousands of New Jerseyans and communities throughout the State.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.