

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

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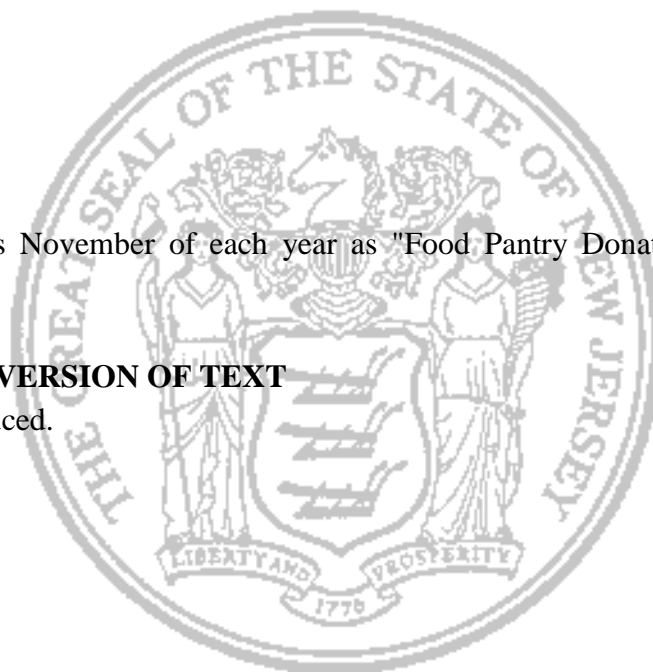
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SYNOPSIS

Designates November of each year as "Food Pantry Donation Month" in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/22/2019)

1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** permanently designating November as "Food
2 Pantry Donation Month" in New Jersey.

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4 **WHEREAS**, Many New Jersey residents are in a continuous struggle to
5 provide food for themselves and their families; this struggle, also
6 known as food insecurity, can result in hunger, malnutrition and, in
7 some cases, starvation; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Since the overall health of a person is dependent upon a
9 proper diet, hunger and malnutrition can lead to physical and
10 cognitive impairments in children and create a host of health-related
11 problems in adults; and

12 **WHEREAS**, The establishment of a network of community-based food
13 banks and food pantries can reduce the prevalence of food
14 insecurity and offset the adverse effects of hunger and
15 malnourishment; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Approximately 13 percent of New Jersey citizens do not
17 have a continuous, reliable, and self-sustaining pathway to a food
18 bank or food pantry; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Charitable food organizations, including food banks and
20 food pantries, have responded to food insecurity in New Jersey by
21 accepting food donations and providing hot meals, groceries, and
22 information on government assistance programs to at-risk adults
23 and families; and

24 **WHEREAS**, A greater public awareness of food insecurity and the
25 impact food insecurity has on the residents of New Jersey is
26 essential to encourage donations to local food banks and pantries in
27 this State; and

28 **WHEREAS**, The permanent establishment of "Food Pantry Donation
29 Month" will serve to educate the citizens of New Jersey about the
30 importance of food banks and food pantries in reducing food
31 insecurity and engage communities throughout New Jersey in
32 supporting local charitable food organizations in their efforts to
33 establish a safety net for those who are unable to provide for their
34 own nutritional needs or those of their families; now, therefore,

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36 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
37 *State of New Jersey:*

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39 1. November of each year is designated as "Food Pantry
40 Donation Month" in New Jersey in order to educate the citizens of
41 New Jersey about the importance of food banks and food pantries in
42 reducing food insecurity and engage communities throughout New
43 Jersey in supporting local charitable food organizations in their
44 efforts to establish a safety net for those who are unable to provide
45 for their own nutritional needs or those of their families.

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47 2. The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a
48 proclamation recognizing November as "Food Pantry Donation

1 Month" in New Jersey and calling upon public officials, the citizens
2 of the State, and other interested groups to observe the month with
3 appropriate activities and programs, including donating to local
4 food banks and food pantries to help provide for those in need.

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6 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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11 This joint resolution permanently designates November as "Food
12 Pantry Donation Month" in New Jersey to educate the citizens of
13 New Jersey about the importance of food banks and food pantries in
14 reducing food insecurity and engage communities throughout New
15 Jersey in supporting local charitable food organizations in their
16 efforts to establish a safety net for those who are unable to provide
17 for their own nutritional needs or those of their families.

18 Under the joint resolution, the Governor is requested to issue an
19 annual proclamation recognizing November as "Food Pantry
20 Donation Month" in New Jersey and to call upon public officials,
21 citizens of the State, and other interested groups to observe the
22 month by donating to local food banks and food pantries to help
23 provide for those in need.