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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Designates "I'm From New Jersey" as the State song.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** designating "I'm From New Jersey" as the State song.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
4 *of New Jersey:*

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6 1. The State song shall be the words and music of the song
7 entitled "I'm From New Jersey," composed by Joseph Rocco
8 Mascari, professionally known as Red Mascara.

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10 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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15 "I'm From New Jersey" is a State song, written, published,
16 recorded and produced especially for and dedicated to the State of
17 New Jersey.

18 It is a State song which is also adaptable for local use to any
19 municipality having a name containing two or three syllables.

20 Words and music are by Red Mascara, of Phillipsburg, New
21 Jersey. Published by Sands Music Corp., 10153½ Riverside Drive
22 #107, Toluca Lake, Cal. 91602, ASCAP, recorded on Anniversary
23 Records by the Chordblenders with the Parke Frankenfield
24 Orchestra. Commercially arranged by John Warrington. Licensed
25 by the American Federation of Musicians of the U.S. and Canada.

26 Red Mascara has been the recipient of an ASCAPLUS Award in
27 each year from 1999 to 2001.

28 "I'm From New Jersey" was written in the year 1960, and since
29 then has been brought directly to the people of New Jersey for their
30 approval and support. The following are some of the known
31 accomplishments the song has to its credit as a result of the people's
32 reaction.

33 "I'm From New Jersey" was first used as the official song for the
34 Phillipsburg, N.J. Centennial Celebration in the spring of 1961.

35 It was the official song for the Alpha, N.J. and Milford, N.J.
36 Golden Jubilee Celebrations in the summer of 1961.

37 It was the official song for the Dunellen, N.J. Diamond Jubilee,
38 and West Orange, N.J. Centennial Celebrations in 1962.

39 An adapted version was also used as the official song for the
40 Allentown, Pa. Bicentennial Celebration in the spring of 1962.

41 It was the introductory theme song on the Perry Como TV Show
42 in his salute to the State of New Jersey on January 3, 1962.

43 It was the featured song in the South Amboy, N.J. Knights of
44 Columbus Minstrel show on March 3, 1962.

45 In 1963, "I'm From New Jersey" was selected to be the official
46 song for the Lopatcong, N.J. Centennial; Livingston,
47 Sesquicentennial; Hillside, Golden Jubilee; Franklin, Golden
48 Jubilee.

1 In connection with the 1964 New Jersey State Tercentenary
2 Celebration, "I'm From New Jersey" was adopted by the Warren
3 County Tercentenary Committee as the official song for Warren
4 County during the celebration and was endorsed as the official State
5 Song for New Jersey. It was also endorsed by the Union County
6 Tercentenary Committee, Rutherford Tercentenary Committee,
7 Hunterdon County Tercentenary Committee and was the featured
8 song of many of the musical units for New Jersey which performed
9 at the 1964 World's Fair.

10 "I'm From New Jersey" was also the theme song for the New
11 Jersey State Republican Delegation to the Republican National
12 Convention in 1964 and 1972.

13 In 1965, it was the official march song for the Morristown 250th
14 Anniversary.

15 In 1966, it was the official song for the Miss N.J. World Beauty
16 Pageant held in Long Branch, N.J.

17 In 1968, it was the theme song of the Franklin High School Band
18 of Somerset, N.J. when it represented N.J. at the National Jaycee
19 Convention in Arizona. It was also the theme song of the Oakcrest
20 Regional High School Band of Mays Landing, N.J. when it
21 represented N.J. in the Festival of States in St. Petersburg, Florida.

22 "I'm From New Jersey" passed the General Assembly of the
23 State of New Jersey in 1966, 1968, 1971 and 1980. In 1972 and
24 1979, it passed the Senate and General Assembly. In 1982, it
25 passed the Senate.

26 In 1979, a bill designated "I'm From New Jersey" as the official
27 State song passed both houses of the New Jersey State Jaycees
28 Model Legislature.

29 "I'm From New Jersey" was also the theme song for the 1979
30 Miss New Jersey Teen U.S.A., Valerie DePena, of Cherry Hill, N.J.
31 in her campaign to become Miss Teen U.S.A.

32 In 1980, "I'm From New Jersey" was featured on the David
33 Letterman show.

34 "I'm From New Jersey" was also featured on the "Uncle Floyd
35 TV Show" on New Jersey Television.

36 In 1988, "I'm From New Jersey" was the official song for the
37 Livingston, N.J. 175th Anniversary.

38 In 1989, "I'm From New Jersey" was featured on "The Osgood
39 File" segment of the CBS-TV "This Morning Show."

40 The State version and adapted versions of "I'm From New
41 Jersey" have been included in the school, youth and musical
42 programs of many municipalities throughout the State, in addition
43 to the song being adopted as the theme for many musical units in
44 New Jersey. A number of municipalities have also adopted "I'm
45 From New Jersey" as their official municipal song.

46 To date, "I'm From New Jersey" has been adopted or endorsed
47 by the following municipalities and organizations, which represent
48 millions of New Jerseyans.

1	Municipalities	
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3	1. Phillipsburg, N.J.	25. Wildwood Crest, N.J.
4	2. Alpha, N.J.	26. Roselle, N.J.
5	3. Milford, N.J.	27. Jersey City, N.J.
6	4. Washington, N.J.	28. Millville, N.J.
7	5. Hackettstown, N.J.	29. Newton, N.J.
8	6. Belvidere, N.J.	30. Wildwood, N.J.
9	7. Flemington, N.J.	31. Franklin, N.J.
10	8. Netcong, N.J.	32. Newark, N.J.
11	9. Lambertville, N.J.	33. Middlesex, N.J.
12	10. Lopatcong, N.J.	34. Cliffside Park, N.J.
13	11. South Amboy, N.J.	35. Bernardsville, N.J.
14	12. Secaucus, N.J.	36. Vineland, N.J.
15	13. Dunellen, N.J.	37. Rutherford, N.J.
16	14. West Orange, N.J.	38. Asbury Park, N.J.
17	15. South Brunswick, N.J.	39. Hopatcong, N.J.
18	16. Union, N.J.	40. Atlantic City, N.J.
19	17. Springfield, N.J.	41. Mansfield, N.J.
20	18. Livingston, N.J.	42. Bayonne, N.J.
21	19. Irvington, N.J.	43. Woodbridge, N.J.
22	20. New Brunswick, N.J.	44. Morristown, N.J.
23	21. North Wildwood, N.J.	45. West Wildwood, N.J.
24	22. Hoboken, N.J.	46. Longport, N.J.
25	23. Hillside, N.J.	47. Old Bridge Twp., N.J.
26	24. Union City, N.J.	
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28	Organizations	
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30	1. N.J. State Association of Chiefs of Police (Statewide)	
31	2. N.J. State Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (Statewide)	
32	3. Warren County American Legion	
33	4. New Jersey State Exchange Clubs (Statewide)	
34	5. Phillipsburg Exchange Club	
35	6. Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 395	
36	7. N.J. State Exempt Firemen's Association (Statewide)	
37	8. Musicians Protective Union Local 379, covering Warren and	
38	part of Hunterdon counties	
39	9. Phillipsburg Lions Club	
40	10. Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie No. 1372	
41	11. N.J. State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles (Statewide)	
42	12. Phillipsburg Junior Chamber of Commerce	
43	13. N.J. Department of Sertoma International (Statewide)	
44	14. Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge No. 512	
45	15. N.J. State Moose Association, L.L.O.M. (Statewide)	
46	16. Rotary Club of Phillipsburg	
47	17. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4949	
48	18. Warren Council 474 Knights of Columbus	

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- 1 19. Warren County Chapter U.N.I.C.O.
- 2 20. Warren County Young Democrats
- 3 21. Warren County Women's Republican Club
- 4 22. Municipal Clerks Association of N.J. Inc. (Statewide)
- 5 23. Phillipsburg Area Chamber of Commerce
- 6 24. South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council No. 426
- 7 25. N.J. State Volunteer Firemen's Association (Statewide)
- 8 26. League of Women Voters of Phillipsburg
- 9 27. Mary T. Norton Democratic Club
- 10 28. Phillipsburg Area Republican Council
- 11 29. Warren County League of Municipalities
- 12 30. Patrolmen's Benevolent Association No. 56
- 13 31. N.J. State Association of Power Engineers (Statewide)
- 14 32. N.J. State Association of Power Engineers No. 9
- 15 33. Forest No. 14 Tall Cedars of Lebanon
- 16 34. Disabled American Vets Inc. Department of N.J.(Statewide)
- 17 35. N.J. Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars (Statewide)
- 18 36. N.J. State Council Sons & Daughters of Liberty (Statewide)
- 19 37. D.A.V. Auxiliary Inc. Department of N.J. (Statewide)
- 20 38. Warren County American Legion Auxiliary
- 21 39. Dr. Charles Lyon Memorial Chapter No. 48 D.A.V.
- 22 40. District No. 20 Veterans of Foreign Wars
- 23 41. Bernard J. Donovan American Legion Post No. 203
- 24 42. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 5193
- 25 43. Lyon Memorial Chapter No. 48 D.A.V. Auxiliary
- 26 44. Local 746, American Federation of Musicians, covering part
- 27 of Middlesex, Somerset and Union counties
- 28 45. N.J. State Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association
- 29 (Statewide)
- 30 46. American Legion, Department of New Jersey (Statewide)
- 31 47. Washington Barracks No. 31, Veterans of World War I
- 32 48. Washington Barracks No. 31, Auxiliary, Veterans of World
- 33 War I
- 34 49. Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders
- 35 50. New Jersey Club of Clearwater, Florida (An organization
- 36 consisting of former New Jerseyans now living in retirement
- 37 in the Clearwater, Florida area)
- 38 51. Young Republicans of Warren County
- 39 52. Young Republicans of New Jersey Inc. (Statewide)
- 40 53. New Jersey Conference of Mayors (Statewide)
- 41 Statewide endorsements
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I'M FROM NEW JERSEY

- 45 I'm From New Jersey and I'm proud about it,
- 46 I love the Garden State;
- 47 I'm From New Jersey and I want to shout it,
- 48 I think it's simply great.

1 All of the other States throughout the nation,
2 May mean a lot to some;
3 But I wouldn't want another, Jersey is like no other,
4 I'm glad that's where I'm from.