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SYNOPSIS

Designates September 11 of each year as "September 11 Remembrance Day."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** designating September 11 of each year as "September 11
2 Remembrance Day" and supplementing Title 36 of the Revised
3 Statutes and chapter 36 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

9 a. On September 11, 2001 armed terrorists hijacked four
10 passenger jets and used them as weapons against the United States
11 to destroy the World Trade Center, damage the Pentagon, and kill
12 more than 3,000 innocent people; and these tragic events have left
13 an indelible mark on the people of this great State and nation.

14 b. The infamy of the terrorist attack is transcended only by the
15 heroic bravery of police officers, firefighters, emergency services
16 personnel, and other citizens, who responded to the crisis and risked
17 their own lives, health, and safety to either thwart the terrorists'
18 actions or to assist the victims of the attack; and since the terrorist
19 attacks, police officers, firefighters, and emergency services
20 personnel have been called upon to make even greater sacrifices to
21 ensure the safety and security of Americans.

22 c. All people should be aware of and remember the human
23 carnage and atrocities that occurred on September 11, 2001 and all
24 citizens of New Jersey are urged to remember the innocent victims
25 who perished in the attacks, the bravery of those who rushed to
26 their aid, and the resiliency of the American people.

27 d. It is fitting and proper for the State of New Jersey to
28 designate September 11 in each year as "September 11
29 Remembrance Day" in New Jersey.

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31 2. a. September 11 of each year is designated as "September
32 11 Remembrance Day" to honor the memory of those who lost their
33 lives in the terrorist attacks against the United States on September
34 11, 2001, and recognize those who risked their own lives to assist
35 the victims of those attacks.

36 b. Local governments as well as patriotic organizations are
37 encouraged to hold public ceremonies on "September 11
38 Remembrance Day" to salute the contributions of police officers,
39 firefighters, and emergency services personnel to the security and
40 well-being of the people of this State and country and to read the
41 names of innocent victims of their respective communities who lost
42 their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11.

43 c. All American and State flags in New Jersey shall be flown at
44 half-staff each year on "September 11 Remembrance Day" in
45 memory of the innocent people and the police officers, firefighters,
46 and emergency services personnel who lost their lives on September
47 11, 2001.

1 3. The students and staff members of each public school in the
2 State shall observe a one minute period of silence each school year
3 at 10 A.M. on "September 11 Remembrance Day" in memory of
4 those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on the United States
5 on September 11, 2001, and in recognition of the police officers,
6 firefighters, emergency services personnel and other citizens of this
7 State and country who risked their own lives, health and safety to
8 assist the victims of these attacks.

9 Whenever "September 11 Remembrance Day" falls on a
10 Saturday, a Sunday or a holiday, it shall be observed on the school
11 day closest to September 11.

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13 4. This act shall take effect immediately.
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16 STATEMENT
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18 This bill would designate September 11 of each year as
19 "September 11 Remembrance Day" to honor the memory of those
20 who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on the United States on
21 September 11, 2001 and in recognition of the police officers,
22 firefighters, emergency services personnel, and other citizens of this
23 State and country who risked their own lives, health and safety to
24 assist the victims of those attacks.

25 The observance of one minute of silence in public schools on
26 September 11 will serve as an annual reminder and lesson to
27 students that freedom is not free, but can be preserved only at the
28 cost of great personal sacrifice and adherence to duty.