

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 115

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman CAROL A. MURPHY

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SYNOPSIS

Permanently designating January 18th as “Alexandra ‘Alex’ Scott Day” in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** permanently designating January 18th as
2 “Alexandra ‘Alex’ Scott Day” in New Jersey.

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4 **WHEREAS**, Alexandra “Alex” Scott was born to Liz and Jay Scott in
5 Manchester Connecticut on January 18, 1996; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Shortly after her first birthday, Alex was diagnosed with
7 neuroblastoma, a type of childhood cancer; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Alex was a determined, courageous, confident, and
9 inspiring child who overcame many obstacles while battling cancer;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, In 2000, the day after her fourth birthday, Alex received a
12 stem cell transplant. She told her mother, “When I get out of the
13 hospital I want to have a lemonade stand.” She wanted to raise
14 money for the doctors that cared for her so they could “help other
15 kids, like they helped me”; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Later that year, Alex held her first lemonade stand and,
17 with the help of her older brother, raised \$2,000 for her doctors and
18 hospital; and

19 **WHEREAS**, While bravely battling her own cancer, Alex and her
20 family continued to hold yearly lemonade stands in their front yard
21 to benefit childhood cancer research; and

22 **WHEREAS**, News spread of Alex and her dedication to helping other
23 children suffering from cancer. People from all over the world,
24 inspired by her story, held their own lemonade stands and donated
25 the proceeds to Alex and her cause; and

26 **WHEREAS**, By 2004, when Alex passed away at the age of eight, her
27 lemonade stand raised more than one million dollars to help find a
28 cure for childhood cancer; and

29 **WHEREAS**, In 2005, her parents started the Alex’s Lemonade Stand
30 Foundation; and

31 **WHEREAS**, The mission of the foundation is to change the lives of
32 children with cancer by funding cutting edge research, raising
33 public awareness, supporting families, and empowering the public
34 to help cure childhood cancer; and

35 **WHEREAS**, Alex’s family and supporters around the world are
36 committed to continuing her inspiring legacy through the
37 continuing work of the Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation; now,
38 therefore,

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40 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
41 *State of New Jersey:*

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43 1. January 18th shall be permanently designated as “Alexandra
44 ‘Alex’ Scott Day” in the State of New Jersey in order to raise public
45 awareness about childhood cancer, commemorate the anniversary of
46 the Alex’s birth, and to celebrate her inspiring legacy through the
47 continuing work of the Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation.

1 2. The Governor is respectively requested to annually issue a
2 proclamation recognizing January 18th as “Alexandra ‘Alex’ Scott
3 Day” in New Jersey, and calling upon public officials and the
4 citizens of this State to observe the day with appropriate activities
5 and programs.

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7 3. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
8 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the
9 Secretary of the Senate to the Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation.

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11 4. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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17 “Alexandra ‘Alex’ Scott Day” in the State of New Jersey in order to
18 raise public awareness about childhood cancer, commemorate the
19 anniversary of the Alex’s birth, and to celebrate her inspiring legacy
20 through the continuing work of the Alex’s Lemonade Stand
21 Foundation.