

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 130

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman GABRIELA M. MOSQUERA

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

SYNOPSIS

Designates second week of May of each year as “Week of the Military Woman.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the second week of May of each
2 year as “Week of the Military Woman.”

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4 **WHEREAS**, Throughout history, women have played an integral role in
5 supporting our nation’s military, from service as a nurse or
6 interpreter, to service in combat; and

7 **WHEREAS**, The first recorded female soldier in the United States
8 Armed Forces was Deborah Sampson of Massachusetts who,
9 disguised as a man, served in the Revolutionary War; and

10 **WHEREAS**, The Women’s Armed Services Integration Act of 1948
11 granted women, who formerly served only as auxiliaries in times of
12 war, permanent regular and reserve status in the Army, Navy,
13 Marine Corps, and Air Force; and

14 **WHEREAS**, In 2008, Lieutenant General Ann E. Dunwoody became
15 the first female four-star general in United States Army history,
16 highlighting both the skills women possess and might contribute to
17 our military and the commitment our country has made toward the
18 achievement of gender equality in all occupations; and

19 **WHEREAS**, In 2015, there were 201,400 active-duty military women,
20 with women comprising 9,200 of the nearly 71,400 military
21 members then deployed; and

22 **WHEREAS**, The projected percentage of U.S. Veterans who are women
23 is 10 percent, where women account for nearly 11.6 percent of
24 Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and
25 Operation New Dawn (OEF/OIF/OND) veterans; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Today, women can be found fulfilling nearly all of the
27 duties that were once the exclusive domain of men in the American
28 military, with 90 percent of military occupations open to women;
29 and

30 **WHEREAS**, To honor the sacrifice that women have made in defense of
31 our country and our State, and the courage they have exhibited to
32 protect the freedoms of its people, it is altogether fitting and
33 appropriate to designate the second week of May of each year as
34 “Week of the Military Woman”; 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. The second week of May of each year is hereby designated
40 as “Week of the Military Woman.”

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42 2. The Governor is respectfully requested to issue a
43 proclamation calling upon public officials and citizens of this State
44 to observe “Week of the Military Woman” with appropriate
45 activities and programs.

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47 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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