

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

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District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

SYNOPSIS

Recognizes fourth Saturday of July as “National Day of the Cowboy.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** recognizing the fourth Saturday of July as
2 “National Day of the Cowboy.”
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4 **WHEREAS**, Pioneering men and women, known as cowboys, helped
5 establish the American West; and
6 **WHEREAS**, The cowboy image and ideal transcends generations,
7 gender, ethnicity, geographic boundaries, and political affiliations;
8 and
9 **WHEREAS**, The cowboy exemplifies honesty, courage, compassion,
10 patriotism, and determination; and
11 **WHEREAS**, Cowboy traditions have been a part of American culture
12 for generations; and
13 **WHEREAS**, The cowboy and horse are central figures in literature, art,
14 film, poetry, photography, and music, and the cowboy is a true
15 American icon occupying a central place in the public’s
16 imagination and the world’s most popular folk hero; and
17 **WHEREAS**, Today’s cowboys and cowgirls strive to preserve and
18 perpetuate this unique element of America’s heritage; and
19 **WHEREAS**, New Jerseyans across the State participate in rodeo and
20 other organizations that promote the cowboy ideals and lifestyle;
21 and
22 **WHEREAS**, Membership participation in the National Day of the
23 Cowboy Organization, Single Action Shooting Society, Cowboy
24 Mounted Shooting Association, American Quarter Horse
25 Association, Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association, Women’s Pro
26 Rodeo, High School Rodeo Association, Working Ranch Rodeo
27 Association, Championship Bull Riding, Cowgirl Hall of Fame,
28 International Barrel Racing Association, numerous cowboy re-
29 enactment groups and other organizations that encompass the
30 livelihood of the cowboy, continues to expand both nationally and
31 internationally as well as within our State; and
32 **WHEREAS**, The cowboy is an excellent steward of the land and its
33 creatures; and
34 **WHEREAS**, Cowboys and cowgirls are an important part of the modern
35 economy through the work of ranchers and farmers across the
36 United States who contribute to the economy of every state; and
37 **WHEREAS**, National Day of the Cowboy is celebrated annually on
38 the fourth Saturday of July; now, 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. The fourth Saturday of July is recognized as “National Day
44 of the Cowboy” in New Jersey.
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46 2. The Governor is requested to annually issue a proclamation
47 calling upon public officials and citizens of this State to observe

1 “National Day of the Cowboy” with appropriate activities and
2 programs.

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4 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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9 This joint resolution recognizes the fourth Saturday of July as
10 “National Day of the Cowboy.” The cowboy occupies a central
11 place in the public imagination. The image of the cowboy as
12 pioneer of the American West is one of courage, compassion,
13 patriotism, and determination.

14 Cowboy traditions and ideals have been a part of American
15 culture for generations, transcending gender, ethnicity, and politics.
16 Today, New Jerseyans across the State participate in rodeo and
17 other organizations that promote the cowboy ideals and lifestyle.

18 Modern cowboys and cowgirls are an important part of the
19 economy through the work of ranchers and farmers across the
20 United States. In recognition of past and present tangible and
21 intangible contributions, it is appropriate for the State of New
22 Jersey to recognize the fourth Saturday of July as “National Day of
23 the Cowboy.”