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SYNOPSIS

Designates March 31 of each year “New Jersey COVID-19 First Responders Memorial Day” in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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47 This resolution designates March 31 of each year as “New Jersey
48 COVID-19 First Responders Memorial Day in New Jersey.

1 COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that has caused a global
2 pandemic, leading to an unprecedented and overwhelming public
3 health crisis throughout the United States, with New Jersey having
4 one of the highest incidences in the country. The COVID-19
5 pandemic has infected over 178,000 New Jersey residents and has
6 claimed the lives of over 15,000.

7 New Jersey's first responders, the State's police officers,
8 firefighters, and emergency medical services professionals (EMS),
9 have been on the front lines every day in the battle to protect public
10 health and to care for the victims of the pandemic. Hundreds of
11 New Jersey first responders have been infected with the COVID-19
12 virus while serving in the line of duty. At least 10 police officers
13 and 15 firefighters and EMS professionals have lost their lives to
14 COVID-19 in New Jersey. Despite these challenges and risks, the
15 State's first responders continue to bravely serve the residents of
16 New Jersey in the battle to defeat COVID-19.

17 The sacrifices of New Jersey's first responders will continue to
18 mount during this unprecedented public health emergency. New
19 Jersey's first responders have continued to protect the health and
20 safety of New Jersey residents even at great personal risk and the
21 very real potential of loss of life.