

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

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SYNOPSIS

Designates December of each year as “Impaired Driving Awareness Month.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 In 2016, more than one million drivers nationally were arrested
2 for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In New Jersey,
3 there were 10,874 alcohol-impaired-driving crashes in 2017. Drugs
4 other than alcohol are involved in about 16 percent of motor vehicle
5 crashes nationally. Cannabis use is increasing nationally and
6 approximately 13 percent of nighttime, weekend drivers have
7 cannabis in their system. Not accounting for other factors,
8 Cannabis users were about 25 percent more likely to be involved in
9 a crash than drivers with no evidence of cannabis use.

10 For every impaired driving arrest there are approximately
11 hundreds of other impaired drivers who are not apprehended,
12 putting drivers on all roadways at risk. In order to make significant
13 declines in the number of alcohol and drug related crashes, we must
14 all do more as communities and as individuals.

15 New Jersey recognizes the need to raise awareness about the
16 consequences of impaired driving, prevent impaired driving, and
17 strictly enforce the laws against impaired driving.

18 The resolution requests the Governor to annually issue a
19 proclamation calling upon public officials and the citizens of New
20 Jersey to observe the month with appropriate activities and
21 programs.