

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

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SYNOPSIS

Designates May 23 each year as "Renewable Energy Day" in NJ.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating May 23 each year as
2 "Renewable Energy Day" in New Jersey.
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4 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey is home to a thriving renewable energy sector,
5 which generated almost 1,900 gigawatt hours of energy for the
6 State in 2017, according to the United States Energy Information
7 Administration; and
8 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey has the potential to generate even more
9 renewable energy as the sector grows; and
10 **WHEREAS**, The National Renewable Energy Laboratory estimates that
11 New Jersey could generate over 400,000 gigawatt hours of
12 electricity using offshore wind turbines and another 400,000
13 gigawatt hours of electricity using solar panels; and
14 **WHEREAS**, Developing the renewable energy sector is an important
15 step toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions and combating
16 climate change; and
17 **WHEREAS**, The renewable energy sector is also an exciting, cutting-
18 edge field for businesses, entrepreneurs, engineers, technicians, and
19 consumers alike; and
20 **WHEREAS**, According to the International Energy Agency, renewable
21 sources of energy will have the fastest growth in the electricity
22 sector in the next few years, providing almost 30 percent of global
23 power demand in 2023; and
24 **WHEREAS**, Increased demand for renewable energy will require the
25 production of more sophisticated and innovative products and
26 systems, which will create engineering and manufacturing jobs
27 ideally suited to the State's highly educated workforce; and
28 **WHEREAS**, On May 23, 2018, Governor Murphy signed into law
29 P.L.2018, c.17; and
30 **WHEREAS**, This sweeping legislation made major advances for the
31 renewable energy sector in the State, including establishing the
32 "Community Solar Energy Pilot Program," which allows customers
33 of an electric public utility to participate in a solar energy project
34 that is remotely located from their properties; and
35 **WHEREAS**, The bill also established a tax credit for qualified wind
36 energy projects, which will boost the growing wind energy sector,
37 particularly along the southern coast of the State; and
38 **WHEREAS**, It is fitting and proper for New Jersey to acknowledge the
39 importance of renewable energy for the future health and prosperity
40 of the State, and to encourage the State to continue to be a leader in
41 this field; now, therefore,
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43 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
44 *State of New Jersey:*
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46 1. May 23 of each year is designated as "Renewable Energy
47 Day" in New Jersey.

3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

This bill designates May 23 of each year as "Renewable Energy Day" in New Jersey. This date is significant because, on May 23, 2018, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L.2018, c.17, a sweeping piece of legislation that made major advances for the renewable energy sector in the State.