

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

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SYNOPSIS

Designates September 16, 2021 and subsequently third Thursday of April of each year as “Biomedical Research Awareness Day” in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating September 16, 2021 and
2 subsequently the third Thursday of April of each year as
3 “Biomedical Research Awareness Day” in New Jersey.

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5 **WHEREAS**, Biomedical Science is a broad branch of Life Sciences
6 focused on researching and finding solutions to medical and
7 healthcare issues through a variety of interventions and
8 technologies; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Individuals trained in the Biomedical and Life Sciences
10 have improved the lives of countless individuals through research,
11 which has led to the development of cutting-edge vaccines,
12 therapies, treatments, and cures for diseases such as cancer, AIDS,
13 cardiovascular disease, Alzheimer’s disease, and many other
14 debilitating conditions; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Research by doctors and scientists in the Biomedical and
16 Life Sciences fields has been essential to finding effective
17 diagnostic tools, vaccines, and treatments for COVID-19; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Many other professions are essential to the Biomedical and
19 Life Sciences such as biological safety experts who test the safety
20 of a wide range of medical devices for human and animal use,
21 veterinarians and animal care staff who treat and care for animals,
22 and bioethicists who study the ethical issues related to biomedicine;
23 and

24 **WHEREAS**, Students in New Jersey should be encouraged to pursue
25 careers in Biomedical and Life Science fields to continue
26 strengthening our healthcare systems through the development of
27 future treatments and cures; and

28 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey is home to many leading and world-renowned
29 Biomedical and Life Sciences institutions such as cutting edge
30 pharmaceutical companies, major healthcare foundations, and
31 influential research institutions, among many others; and

32 **WHEREAS**, The multitude of doctors, nurses, scientists, biological
33 safety experts, veterinarians, animal care staff, clinical research
34 staff, ethicists, funders, and other professionals working in the
35 Biomedical and Life Sciences fields deserve recognition for their
36 hard work, dedication, and ingenuity; and

37 **WHEREAS**, The State of New Jersey should recognize the importance
38 of the Biomedical and Life Sciences, the hard work, dedication, and
39 achievements of all professionals in Biomedical and Life Sciences
40 fields, and inspire students to pursue careers in the Biomedical and
41 Life Sciences by designating September 16, 2021 and subsequently
42 the third Thursday of April of each year as “Biomedical Research
43 Awareness Day” in New Jersey; now, therefore,

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45 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
46 *State of New Jersey:*

b. Beginning in calendar year 2022, the third Thursday of April of each year is designated as “Biomedical Research Awareness Day” in New Jersey to recognize the importance of the biomedical and life sciences.

2. The Governor is respectfully requested to issue a proclamation recognizing “Biomedical Research Awareness Day” in New Jersey, and to call upon public officials and citizens of this State to observe the day with appropriate activities and programs.

3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

This joint resolution designates September 16, 2021 and the third Thursday of April of each year as “Biomedical Research Awareness Day”. The Biomedical and Life Sciences are essential to finding cures and treatments for pressing healthcare issues. Professionals like scientists and researchers among many others in the Biomedical and Life Sciences fields have produced vaccines for life-threatening infections such as COVID-19 and have found treatments and cures for debilitating diseases like AIDS and cancer. There are many other professionals working in the Biomedical and Life Sciences such as biomedical safety experts who ensure medical devices are safe for human use and veterinary and animal care staff who treat and care for animals. Other professionals such as bioethicists have questioned the ethical issues that emerge from advances in the Biomedical and Life Sciences. The variety of professionals in the Biomedical and Life Sciences field have improved the lives of countless individuals and deserve recognition for their hard work, dedication, and ingenuity.

Attracting students to Biomedical and Life Sciences fields should be a principal concern for our society and healthcare system because humanity will continue to face diseases, conditions, and infections, which will require future cures and treatments. It should be acknowledged that New Jersey is home to many leading and influential companies and academic institutions focused on the Biomedical and Life Sciences.