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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 224

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Sponsored by:

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District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

Designates third Thursday of April of each year as “Biomedical Research Awareness Day” in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Science, Innovation and Technology Committee on December 9, 2021, with amendments.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating ¹**【September 16, 2021 and**
2 subsequently**】**¹ 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
11 research, which has led to the development of cutting-edge
12 vaccines, therapies, treatments, and cures for diseases such as
13 cancer, AIDS, cardiovascular disease, Alzheimer’s disease, and
14 many other debilitating conditions; and
15 **WHEREAS**, Research by doctors and scientists in the Biomedical
16 and 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
19 and Life Sciences such as biological safety experts who test the
20 safety of a wide range of medical devices for human and animal
21 use, veterinarians and animal care staff who treat and care for
22 animals, and bioethicists who study the ethical issues related to
23 biomedicine; 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-
29 renowned Biomedical and Life Sciences institutions such as
30 cutting edge pharmaceutical companies, major healthcare
31 foundations, and influential research institutions, among many
32 others; and
33 **WHEREAS**, The multitude of doctors, nurses, scientists, biological
34 safety experts, veterinarians, animal care staff, clinical research
35 staff, ethicists, funders, and other professionals working in the
36 Biomedical and Life Sciences fields deserve recognition for their
37 hard work, dedication, and ingenuity; and
38 **WHEREAS**, The State of New Jersey should recognize the
39 importance of the Biomedical and Life Sciences, the hard work,
40 dedication, and achievements of all professionals in Biomedical
41 and Life Sciences fields, and inspire students to pursue careers in
42 the Biomedical and Life Sciences by designating ¹**【September**
43 16, 2021 and subsequently**】**¹ the third Thursday of April of each
44 year as “Biomedical Research Awareness Day” in New Jersey;
45 now, therefore,

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AST committee amendments adopted December 9, 2021.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
2 *State of New Jersey:*

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4 1. ¹**[**a. September 16, 2021 is designated as “Biomedical
5 Research Awareness Day” in New Jersey.

6 b. Beginning in calendar year 2022, the**]** The¹ third Thursday
7 of April of each year is designated as “Biomedical Research
8 Awareness Day” in New Jersey to recognize the importance of the
9 biomedical and life sciences.

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

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16 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.