

# ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 225

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 219th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Designates 22nd day in October of each year as “Stuttering Awareness Day” and second full week in May each year as “Stuttering Awareness Week.”

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1    **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating October 22nd as “New Jersey  
2       Stuttering Awareness Day” and the second full week of May as  
3       “New Jersey Stuttering Awareness Week.”

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5    **WHEREAS**, Stuttering is a speech disorder characterized by repetition  
6       of sounds, syllables, or words, prolongation of sounds, and  
7       interruptions in speech; and

8    **WHEREAS**, It is estimated about one percent of the world’s population  
9       stutters and roughly three million Americans stutter; and

10   **WHEREAS**, Children often begin to experience signs of stuttering  
11       between the ages of two and five and children who stutter are more  
12       likely to experience negative social and educational outcomes than  
13       their peers who do not stutter; and

14   **WHEREAS**, When stuttering continues into adulthood, a person may  
15       have difficulty communicating with other people and stuttering may  
16       affect a person’s quality of life, interpersonal relationship, job  
17       opportunities, and professional growth; and

18   **WHEREAS**, There is currently no cure for stuttering, but there are a  
19       variety of treatments available to people who stutter which can  
20       assist a person with the difficulties associated with stuttering; and

21   **WHEREAS**, Early intervention of stuttering is generally more effective  
22       than waiting until a child is older and many schools have resources;  
23       and

24   **WHEREAS**, Organizations dedicated to bringing hope and  
25       empowerment to children and adults who stutter through support,  
26       education, advocacy, and research, have locations in New Jersey;  
27       and

28   **WHEREAS**, President Joe Biden is an example of an individual who  
29       was able to overcome the difficulties associated with stuttering to  
30       achieve great personal and professional success; and

31   **WHEREAS**, “International Stuttering Awareness Day” is celebrated on  
32       October 22<sup>nd</sup> and “National Stuttering Awareness Week” is the  
33       second week of May and educate the public about stuttering; now,  
34       therefore,

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36       **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*  
37       *State of New Jersey:*

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39       1.   a. The 22nd day of October of each year is designated as  
40       “Stuttering Awareness Day” in New Jersey to promote awareness of  
41       the array of support and treatment services available to individuals  
42       who stutter.

43       b.   The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a  
44       proclamation calling upon public officials and citizens of this State  
45       to observe “Stuttering Awareness Day” with appropriate activities  
46       and programs

b. The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a proclamation calling upon public officials and citizens of this State to observe “Stuttering Awareness Week” with appropriate activities and programs.

## STATEMENT

This joint resolution promotes the support, education, and advocacy for people who stutter, the family member of a person who stutters, and any ally to a person who stutters.