

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Sponsored by:

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SYNOPSIS

Designates October of each year as “Humanities Month” in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating October of each year as
2 “Humanities Month” in New Jersey.
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4 **WHEREAS**, The arts and humanities provide a vast array of
5 opportunities to learn about culture and express individuality; and
6 **WHEREAS**, By providing entertainment and insight, as well as
7 stimulating minds, the arts and humanities play a vital role in
8 society and the lives of every citizen of New Jersey; and
9 **WHEREAS**, The arts and humanities allow for an appreciation and
10 understanding of cultures across the globe; and
11 **WHEREAS**, Inspiring to all generations, the arts and humanities foster
12 connections across time; and
13 **WHEREAS**, As a therapeutic outlet, the arts and humanities are
14 valuable tools for healing and self-expression; and
15 **WHEREAS**, Creativity should be celebrated and encouraged in order to
16 develop new strategies, tactics, and methods for solving everyday
17 problems and issues; and
18 **WHEREAS**, The arts and humanities challenge ways of thinking,
19 opening up avenues of discussion and facilitating dialogues across
20 cultures; and
21 **WHEREAS**, The economy of this State benefits from the myriad of
22 jobs, services, and tourism opportunities provided by the arts and
23 humanities; and
24 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey has a rich history of the arts including being
25 home to the first American composers, the first African-American
26 recording artist, the first American sculptor, and as the birthplace of
27 motion pictures; and
28 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey’s theaters, museums, historic sites, concert
29 halls, and arts organizations deliver to the entire State opportunities
30 that celebrate and illuminate the arts and humanities for all to enjoy;
31 and
32 **WHEREAS**, National Arts and Humanities Month has been celebrated
33 in the month of October since 1993; and
34 **WHEREAS**, The establishment of October of each year as “Humanities
35 Month” in New Jersey will serve to remind and encourage citizens
36 of this State to engage with the arts and humanities, enriching the
37 lives of all citizens; now, therefore,
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39 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
40 *State of New Jersey:*
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42 1. The month of October of each year is designated as
43 “Humanities Month” in New Jersey to recognize and celebrate the
44 benefits the arts and humanities provide to the citizens of this State.

1 2. The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a
2 proclamation recognizing October as “Humanities Month” in New
3 Jersey and calling upon institutions of learning and culture to
4 observe the month with appropriate activities and programs.

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6 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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11 This joint resolution designates October of each year as
12 “Humanities Month” in New Jersey. The arts and humanities
13 provide opportunities for learning, self-expression, and reflection
14 and challenge individuals to obtain new perspectives. The arts and
15 humanities help people to understand different cultures and allow
16 people to connect across space and time.

17 The State of New Jersey has a rich artistic history and many
18 cultural offerings in which citizens of this State can participate and
19 enjoy. The arts and humanities also benefit the economy and the
20 tourism industry and provide a starting point for conversations and
21 personal growth.