

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 39

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SYNOPSIS

Designates first week of October of each year as Manufacturing Week.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the first week of October of each
2 year as Manufacturing Week.

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4 **WHEREAS**, Manufacturing comprises approximately 12 percent of the
5 nation's gross domestic product; and

6 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey has one of the most educated and skilled
7 workforces in the nation, making New Jersey particularly desirable
8 to manufacturing companies; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Four sectors of advanced manufacturing are especially
10 prominent in the State: chemicals, machinery, computer/electronic
11 products, and food, contributing significantly to the State's
12 economy and providing well-paying jobs in a variety of fields; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the State supports its manufacturers by providing
14 incentives for manufacturers to grow their businesses, including a
15 tax credit for the acquisition of equipment and for the addition of
16 employees due to equipment investment, the New Jersey
17 Manufacturing Extension Program, and the many programs within
18 the New Jersey Economic Development Authority to provide
19 access to capital for manufacturing companies; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the State is home to 21 Fortune 500 companies, is home to
21 13 of the top 20 biopharmaceutical companies in the world, and is
22 ranked first by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for employed
23 biochemists and biophysicists; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the State's location in the Northeast provides
25 manufacturers with access to some of the most affluent consumers
26 in the country, as well as the infrastructure for wide-scale
27 distribution of manufacturing products and services; and

28 **WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and appropriate to recognize the
29 important role the manufacturing industry plays in the State by
30 designating the first week of October of each year as Manufacturing
31 Week; now, therefore,

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33 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
34 *State of New Jersey:*

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36 1. The first week of October of each year is designated as
37 Manufacturing Week in the State of New Jersey in recognition of
38 the significance the manufacturing industry plays in the State's
39 economy.

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41 2. The Governor is respectfully requested to issue a
42 proclamation annually and call upon public, officials, private
43 organizations, and all citizens of this State to observe this
44 celebration each year with appropriate events and activities.

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46 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

This joint resolution designates the first week of October of each year as Manufacturing Week in recognition of the contributions of the manufacturing industry to the State.

Manufacturing comprises approximately 12 percent of the nation's gross domestic product. Although New Jersey supports various types of manufacturing, four sectors of advanced manufacturing are especially prominent in the State: chemicals, machinery, computer/electronic products, and food. These industries contribute significantly to the State's economy and provide numerous well-paying jobs in a variety of fields.

The State is home to 21 Fortune 500 companies and to 13 of the top 20 biopharmaceutical companies in the world, and is ranked first by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for employed biochemists and biophysicists. New Jersey has one of the most educated and skilled workforces in the nation, making New Jersey particularly desirable to manufacturing companies. The State's location in the Northeast provides manufacturers with access to some of the most affluent consumers in the country, as well as the infrastructure for wide-scale distribution of manufacturing products and services

Therefore, it is fitting and appropriate to recognize the important role the manufacturing industry plays in the State by designating the first week of October of each year as Manufacturing Week.