

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 47

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Designates April 24 of each year as “Toiletry Day” in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating April 24 of each year as
2 “Toiletry Day” in New Jersey.

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4 **WHEREAS**, A lack of basic toiletries such as diapers, wipes, soap,
5 shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and feminine
6 hygiene products can lead to poor personal hygiene; and

7 **WHEREAS**, There are many adverse emotional, health, and social
8 effects of poor personal hygiene; and

9 **WHEREAS**, For example, poor personal hygiene can lead to bad breath,
10 body odor, dental disease, skin infections, urinary tract infections,
11 influenza, ringworm, body lice, and general illness; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Those suffering from poor personal hygiene may also find
13 themselves ostracized by family, friends, and society in general,
14 which can lead to depression; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Basic toiletries may not be affordable to certain families,
16 especially families with children; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Access to basic toiletries is also especially important to
18 those whose physical or mental health is already compromised; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Toiletry donations to organizations which support those in
20 need are much appreciated and needed; and

21 **WHEREAS**, By increasing awareness of the many challenges facing
22 individuals who lack access to basic toiletries, the generous citizens
23 of this State are encouraged to make monetary or in-kind donations
24 to charitable organizations that serve those lacking basic toiletries;
25 and

26 **WHEREAS**, It is appropriate that April 24 of each year be designated as
27 “Toiletry Day” to help meet a basic need that, although simple, can
28 make a significant difference in the daily life of an individual who
29 is suffering as a result of not having access to basic toiletries; now,
30 therefore,

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

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35 1. April 24 of each year is designated as “Toiletry Day” in
36 order to promote the collection of toiletries in this State for those in
37 need.

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39 2. The Governor is requested to issue an annual proclamation
40 recognizing April 24 of each year as “Toiletry Day” and calling
41 upon public officials and the citizens of this State to observe the
42 day with appropriate activities and programs.

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44 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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This joint resolution designates April 24 of each year as “Toiletry Day” in order to promote the collection of toiletries in this State for those in need. By increasing awareness of the many challenges facing individuals who lack access to basic toiletries, the generous citizens of this State are encouraged to make monetary or in-kind donations to charitable organizations that serve those lacking basic toiletries.