

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 69

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Sponsored by:

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District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Designates September each year as “Honey Month” in NJ.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating September each year as “Honey
2 Month” in New Jersey.

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4 **WHEREAS**, Honey is a natural and delicious sweetener that contains a
5 wide array of vitamins, minerals, amino acids, and antioxidants;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, Honey adds sweetness and complexity to toast, tea, or
8 dessert, and it lends a subtle sweet flavor and moistness to baked
9 goods; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Since the time of the ancient Egyptians, people have used
11 honey for medicinal purposes, including to help alleviate the
12 symptoms of the common cold, such as cough and sore throat; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Honey has also been used as a topical treatment for
14 wounds, burns, and insect bites, and is known for its anti-
15 inflammatory properties; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Recent scientific studies have confirmed honey’s
17 medicinal properties, finding it useful in treating cold symptoms for
18 children between one and five years of age, and finding it to possess
19 bactericidal activity against many organisms, including Salmonella,
20 Shigella, Escherichia coli, and Helicobacter pylori; and

21 **WHEREAS**, In 2017, New Jersey had approximately 13,000 honey-
22 producing honeybee colonies, which produced approximately
23 364,000 pounds of honey; and

24 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey honey generated over \$2.8 million in sales for
25 farmers and artisans in 2017; and

26 **WHEREAS**, The citizens of the State should be encouraged to purchase
27 more local honey, since purchasing local honey supports New
28 Jersey farmers, keeps money in the State, and creates new jobs; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Honey is produced by the honeybee (*apis mellifera*), which
30 was designated as the “New Jersey State Bug” by the Legislature in
31 1974; and

32 **WHEREAS**, The National Honey Board has designated September as
33 “National Honey Month;” and

34 **WHEREAS**, It is proper and fitting for the Legislature to officially
35 recognize the benefits of honey and to promote the continued use of
36 New Jersey honey for culinary and medicinal purposes; now,
37 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 September each year is designated as “Honey
43 Month” in New Jersey.

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45 2. The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a
46 proclamation calling upon public officials and the citizens of the
47 State to observe “Honey Month” with appropriate activities and
48 programs.

1 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 This joint resolution designates September each year as “Honey
7 Month” in New Jersey.

8 Honey is a natural sweetener that also contains a wide array of
9 vitamins, minerals, amino acids, and antioxidants. Honey has also
10 been known to have medicinal properties since the time of ancient
11 Egypt. Honey can be used to alleviate coughs and sore throats, to
12 treat inflammation from insect bites, and to act as a natural
13 antibacterial agent for cuts and scrapes.

14 In 2017, New Jersey had approximately 13,000 honey-producing
15 honeybee colonies, which produced approximately 364,000 pounds
16 of honey. New Jersey honey generated over \$2.8 million in sales
17 for farmers and artisans in 2017. Purchasing local honey supports
18 New Jersey farmers, keeps money in the State, and creates new
19 jobs.

20 It is thus proper and fitting for the Legislature to officially
21 recognize the benefits of honey and honeybees and to promote the
22 continued use of New Jersey honey for culinary and medicinal
23 purposes by designating September each year as “Honey Month” in
24 New Jersey.