

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 88

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Designates first Monday of October of each year as “Consignment Day.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the first Monday of October of
2 each year as “Consignment Day” in New Jersey.
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4 **WHEREAS**, Consignment involves giving unwanted items or goods to
5 another person or entity to maintain until those goods are sold; and
6 **WHEREAS**, By reusing items such as clothing, consignment stores
7 contribute to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by reducing
8 demand for new clothes and reducing the amount of waste going to
9 landfills; and
10 **WHEREAS**, The sale of goods through consignment stores promotes
11 sustainable consumption by shifting away from the make-use-
12 dispose cycle; and
13 **WHEREAS**, Consignment stores can help prevent pollution by reducing
14 the need to use new raw materials to produce more products and by
15 preventing usable products from going to landfills or incinerators;
16 and
17 **WHEREAS**, Reducing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions are
18 important for combatting climate change, which may have a
19 significant negative impact on New Jersey; and
20 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey faces dangerous consequences from climate
21 change such as rising sea levels, which threatens the coastline and
22 increases the severity of flooding during more frequent extreme
23 weather events; and
24 **WHEREAS**, The fashion industry has a significant impact on the
25 environment through the industry’s manufacturing of new fashion
26 items, which emit greenhouse gases and the subsequent disposal of
27 in landfills or incinerators of up to 85 percent of all textiles
28 produced; and
29 **WHEREAS**, The fashion industry contributes to climate change by
30 emitting approximately 10 percent of global greenhouse gases due
31 to the industry’s extensive supply chains and energy intensive
32 production; and
33 **WHEREAS**, The fashion industry utilizes more energy than the aviation
34 industry and the shipping industry combined; and
35 **WHEREAS**, In order to conserve energy, reduce waste, and combat
36 climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, it is
37 important to raise public awareness about the benefits of
38 consignment and to encourage the use of consignment stores to
39 promote sustainable consumption; now, therefore,
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41 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
42 *State of New Jersey:*
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44 1. The first Monday of October of each year is designated as
45 “Consignment Day” in the State of New Jersey to foster awareness
46 and understanding of the benefits of consignment and to promote
47 sustainable and environmentally conscientious consumption.

3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

Consignment stores encourage reuse of clothes and accessories and therefore divert these items from landfills and incinerators, and reduce the need to produce new clothes. In order to conserve our energy resources, reduce waste, and limit greenhouse gas emissions, it is important to raise public awareness about the environmental benefits of consignment.