

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 171

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

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District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Supports NJ Naval Militia Joint Command.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** supporting the New Jersey Naval
2 Militia Joint Command.

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4 **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Naval Militia was founded in 1894 as a
5 military unit of the State, decommissioned in 1963, and reactivated
6 from 1998 to 2002; and

7 **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Naval Militia was partly regulated and
8 equipped by the federal government, but served as a reserve force
9 that falls under State control, making New Jersey one of 23 states
10 with state guards and one of seven states with a naval guard; and

11 **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Naval Militia is a Joint Command,
12 combining both the New Jersey Naval and Army State Guards; and

13 **WHEREAS**, The duties for the New Jersey Naval Militia Joint
14 Command (NJNMJC) center include search and rescue, disaster
15 mitigation and recovery, vessel escort, harbor and port security,
16 infrastructure surveillance, and acting as a force multiplier for
17 virtually any State or federal agency; and

18 **WHEREAS**, The NJNMJC has been recognized for exemplary and
19 meritorious service, including during the September 11th attacks
20 wherein a New Jersey Naval Guard patrol unit was the first military
21 unit to respond to Lower Manhattan on September 11th; and

22 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey is home to some of the world's most critical
23 infrastructure, the country's highest population densities, and is a
24 transportation gateway to the United States with people and cargo
25 arriving around the clock; and

26 **WHEREAS**, The NJNMJC has been without funding since 2002, even
27 while they continue to train, serve in other volunteer capacities, and
28 maintain State equipment and assets; and

29 **WHEREAS**, This State should properly utilize the valuable resources
30 provided by the NJNMJC; and

31 **WHEREAS**, This House supports the NJNMJC to obtain funding; now,
32 therefore,

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34 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
35 *Jersey:*

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37 1. The Legislature of this House supports the New Jersey
38 Naval Military Joint Command.

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40 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State
41 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the
42 Governor, Adjutant General of the New Jersey Department of
43 Military and Veterans Affairs, and every member of Congress
44 elected from this State.

STATEMENT

The New Jersey Naval Militia was founded in 1894 as a military unit of the State, decommissioned in 1963, and reactivated from 1998 to 2002. The New Jersey Naval Militia was partly regulated and equipped by the federal government but served as a reserve force, falling under State control.

The New Jersey Naval Militia is a Joint Command, combining both the New Jersey Naval and Army State Guards. The duties of the New Jersey Naval Militia Joint Command (NJNMJC) center include search and rescue, disaster mitigation and recovery, vessel escort, harbor and port security. The NJNMJC has been recognized for exemplary and meritorious service, including during the September 11th attacks.

New Jersey is home to some of the world's most critical infrastructure and the country's highest population densities. The NJNMJC has been without funding since 2002, even while they continue to train, serve in other volunteer capacities, and maintain State equipment and assets. This State should properly utilize the valuable resources provided by the NJNMJC and support the NJNMJC and its efforts to receive funds.