

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 217

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SYNOPSIS

Expresses appreciation and support for essential workers with disabilities or who are blind.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** expressing appreciation and support
2 for essential workers with disabilities or who are blind.

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4 **WHEREAS,** The current coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic has
5 required the continuation of essential services throughout the
6 pandemic, especially in areas where most businesses and
7 government buildings have closed; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Essential services include performing daily janitorial
9 services deep cleaning and sanitizing services, emergency cleaning,
10 document management, document pickup and shredding,
11 supporting State efforts to establish temporary hospitals, and
12 sourcing and providing other essential supplies and services
13 necessary for State operations across many State and local
14 government locations and buildings; and

15 **WHEREAS,** Essential services are performed in large part by essential
16 workers with disabilities or who are blind that work through
17 disability service providers that provide training, job coaches,
18 transportation, or any other needed supports to help these essential
19 workers in performing essential work; and

20 **WHEREAS,** The State has recognized the importance of these essential
21 service jobs by passing laws that support the hiring of individuals
22 with disabilities or who are blind to fill the need for essential
23 services; and

24 **WHEREAS,** The essential workforce is vital to the economy of the
25 State of New Jersey and these essential jobs are vital to the personal
26 economies and well-being of the essential workforce, many of
27 whom have disabilities or are blind; and

28 **WHEREAS,** Essential workers with disabilities or who are blind were
29 essential before the pandemic and will continue to be essential after
30 the pandemic has passed into history; and

31 **WHEREAS,** Essential workers that have disabilities or are blind play a
32 central and invaluable role in protecting the State of New Jersey
33 and have continued to perform their regular duties and more
34 throughout the pandemic and therefore, it is proper and fitting that
35 this State recognizes these workers for their hard work, dedication,
36 and sacrifice; now, therefore,

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38 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
39 *Jersey:*

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41 1. This House recognizes the essential work performed by
42 individuals with disabilities or who are blind during the 2020
43 pandemic. This House recognizes and thanks these essential
44 workers for the vital contributions that they have made and will
45 continue to make to this country and State.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the Governor of this State and ACCSES NJ.

STATEMENT

This resolution recognizes the essential work performed by individuals with disabilities or who are blind during the 2020 pandemic.

The current coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic has required the continuation of essential services throughout the pandemic, especially in areas where most businesses and government buildings have closed. Essential services include performing daily janitorial services deep cleaning and sanitizing services, emergency cleaning, document management, document pickup and shredding, supporting State efforts to establish temporary hospitals, and sourcing and providing other essential supplies and services necessary for State operations across many State and local government locations and buildings.

Essential services are performed in large part by essential workers with disabilities or who are blind. The State has recognized the importance of these essential service jobs by passing laws that support the hiring of individuals with disabilities or who are blind to fill the need for essential services. The essential workforce is vital to the economy of the State of New Jersey and these essential jobs are vital to the personal economies and well-being of the essential workforce. Essential workers that have disabilities or are blind play a central and invaluable role in protecting the State of New Jersey and have continued to perform their regular duties and more throughout the pandemic and therefore, it is proper and fitting that this State recognizes these workers for their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice.