

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 65**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Commemorates 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** commemorating the 50th
2 anniversary of Earth Day.

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4 **WHEREAS**, The late United States Senator Gaylord Nelson, inspired to
5 action after seeing the damage caused by an oil spill in 1969,
6 founded Earth Day as a way of generating awareness about
7 environmental issues; and

8 **WHEREAS**, On April 22, 1970 twenty million Americans, comprising
9 10 percent of the population of the United States at the time,
10 demonstrated across the country to raise awareness about water and
11 air pollution; and

12 **WHEREAS**, The attention garnered by Earth Day events to negative
13 public health effects caused by pollution led to the creation of the
14 United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the passage of
15 the federal "Clean Air Act" and "Clean Water Act" by the end of
16 1970; and

17 **WHEREAS**, The celebration of the first Earth Day had an impact on
18 this State, with the New Jersey Department of Environmental
19 Protection being formed on the same day; and

20 **WHEREAS**, In 1990, Earth Day became an international event, with
21 organizers mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries to action;
22 and

23 **WHEREAS**, In 2009, the United Nations General Assembly, noting that
24 Earth Day is observed each year in many countries, designated
25 April 22nd as International Mother Earth Day, and invited all
26 member states to use the day to consider environmental issues; and

27 **WHEREAS**, The scope of Earth Day events continues to expand,
28 engaging people in over 190 countries to raise awareness about
29 environmental issues; and

30 **WHEREAS**, April 22, 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day,
31 and

32 **WHEREAS**, It is fitting and proper for the Legislature to commemorate
33 the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, in order to generate support for
34 Earth Day events that will occur in this State, across the United
35 States, and around the world, and to raise awareness about the
36 environmental issues of our time; now, therefore,

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38 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the*
39 *General Assembly concurring):*

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41 1. The Legislature commemorates the 50th Anniversary of
42 Earth Day and recognizes the impact that this event has had, and
43 continues to have, on public awareness and action regarding
44 environmental issues.

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46 2. The Legislature calls upon the public officials and citizens
47 of this State to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of
48 Earth Day.

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1 3. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
2 shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of
3 the General Assembly to the Governor, the Commissioner of
4 Environmental Protection, and every member of Congress elected
5 from this State.

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STATEMENT

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10 This concurrent resolution commemorates the 50th anniversary
11 of Earth Day.