

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 122

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Designates October 27th of each year as “Tree of Life Remembrance Day” in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating October 27th of each year as
2 “Tree of Life Remembrance Day” in New Jersey.

4 **WHEREAS**, Tree of Life Synagogue is a synagogue in the Squirrel Hill
5 neighborhood of eastern Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania's second largest
6 city; and

7 **WHEREAS**, On October 27, 2018, a mass shooting fueled by religious
8 and ethnic animus towards Jewish people occurred at Tree of Life
9 Synagogue; and

10 **WHEREAS**, The mass shooting unfolded during morning services and a
11 joyous celebration; and

12 **WHEREAS**, The senseless act of violence resulted in the loss of eleven
13 innocent lives and injury to six others; and

14 **WHEREAS**, The tragedy and loss of life have shocked and saddened
15 Americans around the country; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Houses of worship are places of community, solace, and
17 reflection, where no person should feel fear; and

18 **WHEREAS**, The people of New Jersey share the grief of the families and
19 friends of those who were injured or killed; and

20 **WHEREAS**, It is fitting and proper to designate October 27th of each
21 year as “Tree of Life Remembrance Day” so that we recognize the
22 victims and honor their memories; now, therefore,

24 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
25 *of New Jersey:*

1. a. October 27th of each year is designated as “Tree of Life
Remembrance Day” in the State of New Jersey.

b. The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation calling upon public officials and citizens of this State to observe the day with appropriate activities and programs.

33 2. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

On October 27, 2018, a mass shooting fueled by religious and ethnic animus towards Jewish people occurred at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The senseless act of violence resulted in the loss of eleven innocent lives and injury to six others. The people of New Jersey share the grief of the families and friends of those who were injured or killed, and the designation of October 27th of each year as “Tree of Life Remembrance Day” would allow New Jersey residents to annually recognize the victims of that mass shooting and honor their memories.