

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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SYNOPSIS

Designates third Thursday of April of each year as “Biomedical Research Awareness Day” in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the third Thursday of April of
2 each year as “Biomedical Research Awareness Day” in New
3 Jersey.
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5 **WHEREAS**, Biomedical Science is a broad branch of Life Sciences
6 focused on researching and finding solutions to medical and
7 healthcare issues through a variety of interventions and
8 technologies; and
9 **WHEREAS**, Individuals trained in the Biomedical and Life Sciences
10 have improved the lives of countless individuals through
11 research, which has led to the development of cutting-edge
12 vaccines, therapies, treatments, and cures for diseases such as
13 cancer, AIDS, cardiovascular disease, Alzheimer’s disease, and
14 many other debilitating conditions; and
15 **WHEREAS**, Research by doctors and scientists in the Biomedical
16 and Life Sciences fields has been essential to finding effective
17 diagnostic tools, vaccines, and treatments for COVID-19; and
18 **WHEREAS**, Many other professions are essential to the Biomedical
19 and Life Sciences such as biological safety experts who test the
20 safety of a wide range of medical devices for human and animal
21 use, veterinarians and animal care staff who treat and care for
22 animals, and bioethicists who study the ethical issues related to
23 biomedicine; and
24 **WHEREAS**, Students in New Jersey should be encouraged to pursue
25 careers in Biomedical and Life Science fields to continue
26 strengthening our healthcare systems through the development of
27 future treatments and cures; and
28 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey is home to many leading and world-
29 renowned Biomedical and Life Sciences institutions such as
30 cutting edge pharmaceutical companies, major healthcare
31 foundations, and influential research institutions, among many
32 others; and
33 **WHEREAS**, The multitude of doctors, nurses, scientists, biological
34 safety experts, veterinarians, animal care staff, clinical research
35 staff, ethicists, funders, and other professionals working in the
36 Biomedical and Life Sciences fields deserve recognition for their
37 hard work, dedication, and ingenuity; and
38 **WHEREAS**, The State of New Jersey should recognize the
39 importance of the Biomedical and Life Sciences, the hard work,
40 dedication, and achievements of all professionals in Biomedical
41 and Life Sciences fields, and inspire students to pursue careers in
42 the Biomedical and Life Sciences by designating the third
43 Thursday of April of each year as “Biomedical Research
44 Awareness Day” in New Jersey; now, therefore,
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46 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
47 *State of New Jersey:*

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1. The third Thursday of April of each year is designated as “Biomedical Research Awareness Day” in New Jersey to recognize the importance of the biomedical and life sciences.

2. The Governor is respectfully requested to issue a proclamation recognizing “Biomedical Research Awareness Day” in New Jersey, and to call upon public officials and citizens of this State to observe the day with appropriate activities and programs.

3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This joint resolution designates the third Thursday of April of each year as “Biomedical Research Awareness Day”. The Biomedical and Life Sciences are essential to finding cures and treatments for pressing healthcare issues. Professionals like scientists and researchers among many others in the Biomedical and Life Sciences fields have produced vaccines for life-threatening infections such as COVID-19 and have found treatments and cures for debilitating diseases like AIDS and cancer. There are many other professionals working in the Biomedical and Life Sciences such as biomedical safety experts who ensure medical devices are safe for human use and veterinary and animal care staff who treat and care for animals. Other professionals such as bioethicists have questioned the ethical issues that emerge from advances in the Biomedical and Life Sciences. The variety of professionals in the Biomedical and Life Sciences field have improved the lives of countless individuals and deserve recognition for their hard work, dedication, and ingenuity.

Attracting students to Biomedical and Life Sciences fields should be a principal concern for our society and healthcare system because humanity will continue to face diseases, conditions, and infections, which will require future cures and treatments. It should be acknowledged that New Jersey is home to many leading and influential companies and academic institutions focused on the Biomedical and Life Sciences.