

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 21

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

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SYNOPSIS

Designates January 9 of each year as “Law Enforcement Officer Appreciation Day” in NJ.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating January 9 of each year as “Law
2 Enforcement Officer Appreciation Day” in New Jersey.
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4 **WHEREAS**, Law enforcement officers in this State and throughout the
5 nation are routinely called upon to serve and protect their fellow
6 citizens by responding to horrendous events and acting heroically to
7 save the lives of others; and
8 **WHEREAS**, It is increasingly dangerous to perform these jobs in a
9 world where law enforcement are targeted for the uniforms they
10 wear and the duties they perform in service to their community; and
11 **WHEREAS**, Law enforcement officers in this State and throughout the
12 nation serve with valor, dignity and integrity; and
13 **WHEREAS**, In the past decade, 1,023 law enforcement officers have
14 died in the line of duty in the United States and their deaths are a
15 sober reminder that our nation’s law enforcement officers face
16 danger every day they carry out their sworn duty to protect the
17 citizens of this nation; and
18 **WHEREAS**, Of those 1,023 law enforcement officers that died in the
19 line of duty in the past decade, 19 of those law enforcement officers
20 were working in New Jersey at the time of their death; and
21 **WHEREAS**, Countless other law enforcement officers are injured and
22 disabled each year while performing their duties; and
23 **WHEREAS**, These burdens are carried not only by law enforcement
24 officers, but also by their families who make personal sacrifices in
25 order for the law enforcement officers to carry out their duties; and
26 **WHEREAS**, In light of recent negativity directed toward law
27 enforcement nationally, there is a need to show law enforcement
28 officers that our citizens recognize the difficult career law
29 enforcement officers have chosen; and
30 **WHEREAS**, These men and women, by their distinctive service and
31 dedicated efforts as law enforcement officers, have earned our
32 highest respect and deepest gratitude; and
33 **WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper, and within the public
34 interest, to designate January 9 of each year as “Law Enforcement
35 Officer Appreciation Day” in New Jersey and to encourage the
36 citizens of this State to join in the observance of this day and
37 appreciation for the law enforcement officers who serve and protect
38 them; now, therefore,
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40 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
41 *State of New Jersey:*
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43 1. January 9 of each year shall be designated “Law
44 Enforcement Officer Appreciation Day” in New Jersey.
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46 2. The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a
47 proclamation recognizing January 9 of each year as “Law
48 Enforcement Officer Appreciation Day” in New Jersey and to call

1 upon public officials and the citizens of this State to observe the
2 day with appropriate activities and programs.

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4 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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9 This resolution designates January 9 of each year as “Law
10 Enforcement Officer Appreciation Day” in New Jersey to encourage
11 the citizens of this State to join in the observance of this day and
12 appreciation for the law enforcement officers who serve and protect
13 them.

14 Law enforcement officers in this State and throughout the nation
15 are routinely called upon to serve and protect their fellow citizens
16 by responding to horrendous events and acting heroically to save
17 the lives of others. In the past decade, 1,023 law enforcement
18 officers died in the line of duty in the United States, 19 of whom
19 worked in New Jersey. Their deaths are a sober reminder that our
20 State’s law enforcement officers face danger every day they carry
21 out their duty to protect the citizens of this State.

22 In light of recent negativity directed toward law enforcement
23 nationally, there is a need to show law enforcement officers that our
24 citizens recognize the difficult career law enforcement officers have
25 chosen. Accordingly, it is altogether fitting and proper and within
26 the public interest, to designate January 9 of each year as “Law
27 Enforcement Officer Appreciation Day” in New Jersey.