

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 21

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 219th LEGISLATURE

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

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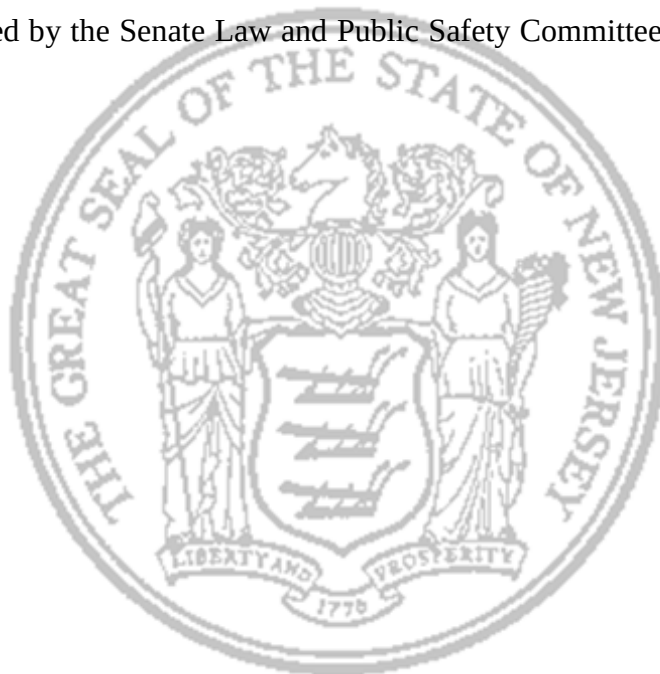
**Senators Greenstein, Madden and O'Scanlon**

**SYNOPSIS**

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

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee with technical review.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/20/2021)**

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

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- 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.