

# ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 195

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 220th LEGISLATURE

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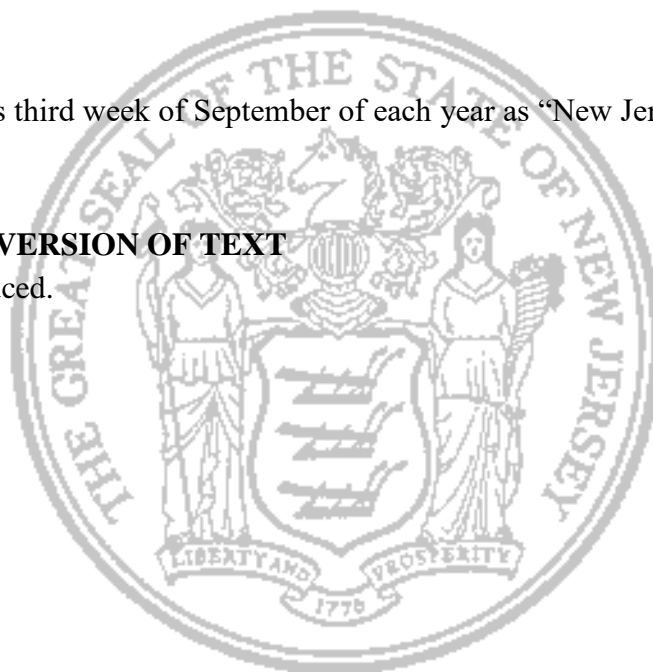
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**SYNOPSIS**

Designates third week of September of each year as “New Jersey Rail Safety Week.”

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1   **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the third week of September of  
2       each year as “New Jersey Rail Safety Week.”

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4   **WHEREAS**, The State and federal government have a responsibility to  
5       maintain a robust multimodal transportation network that not only  
6       serves the mobility needs of all residents but also ensures the safety  
7       of all persons who navigate this system; and

8   **WHEREAS**, Points of intersection with railroad tracks, including  
9       highway grade crossings and pedestrian trespassings, often  
10      represent the highest risk of catastrophic injury for motorists and  
11      pedestrians; and

12   **WHEREAS**, According to the Federal Railroad Administration, New  
13      Jersey witnessed at least 16 deaths and 45 non-fatal injuries from  
14      motor vehicle accidents along highway grade crossings since 2017,  
15      as well as 10 deaths and 17 non-fatal injuries from pedestrian  
16      trespass incidents during this period; and

17   **WHEREAS**, Many of these tragic events could have been prevented by  
18      increased public awareness concerning the dangers of railroad  
19      crossings and the importance of following appropriate safety  
20      measures; and

21   **WHEREAS**, The State of New Jersey is a leader in supporting safety  
22      programs dedicated to reducing collisions, fatalities, and injuries  
23      along highway-rail crossings and railroad tracks; and

24   **WHEREAS**, New Jersey Operation Lifesaver, a non-profit organization  
25      established in 1978, has also played an important role in increasing  
26      public awareness of rail safety issues and providing public safety  
27      education programs for communities throughout the State; and

28   **WHEREAS**, The efforts of New Jersey Operation Lifesaver are strongly  
29      supported by this State, as well as industry stakeholders, such as the  
30      New Jersey Railroad Association; and

31   **WHEREAS**, Since 2017, Operation Lifesaver has annually observed the  
32      third week of September as “Rail Safety Week” in an attempt to  
33      empower the public to make safe and informed decisions when  
34      traveling nearby railroad infrastructure; and

35   **WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper for the State of New  
36      Jersey to honor this annual observance in order to increase public  
37      awareness of rail safety issues and to encourage all motorists and  
38      pedestrians to take appropriate caution nearby trains and railroad  
39      tracks; now, therefore,

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41        **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*  
42        *State of New Jersey:*

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44        1. The third full week of September of each year is designated  
45        as “New Jersey Rail Safety Week” in the State of New Jersey to  
46        increase public awareness of rail safety issues and to encourage all  
47        motorists and pedestrians to take appropriate caution when traveling  
48        nearby railroad infrastructure.

