ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION No. 209

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 10, 2023

Sponsored by:

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Assemblyman Mukherji, Assemblywoman Jimenez, Assemblymen Stanley, Freiman and Conaway

SYNOPSIS

Designates November 20th of each year as "World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims" in NJ.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/10/2023)

1	A JOINT RESOLUTION designating November 20th of each year as
2	"World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims" in New
3	Jersey.
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5	WHEREAS, Fatalities resulted from 667 traffic incidents in New Jersey
6	during 2021; and
7	WHEREAS, New Jersey traffic incidents resulted in 697 fatalities
8 9	during 2021, the highest number in 14 years; and
10	WHEREAS, Many more New Jersey residents are injured or disabled by traffic accidents annually; and
11	WHEREAS, Traffic incidents cause death, injury, disability, or grief
12	for many New Jersey residents each year; and
13	WHEREAS, Emergency response and medical professionals provide
14	services which save lives and minimize injury after traffic
15	incidents; and
16	WHEREAS, Emergency responders face a heightened risk of post-
17	traumatic stress, depression, and suicidal ideation due to regularly
18	managing scenes of significant injury or death; and
19	WHEREAS, World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is
20	an occasion to acknowledge the suffering of victims, families, and
21	communities due to traffic incidents; and
22	WHEREAS, World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is
23	an opportunity to spread awareness of the devastation and the
24	preventability of many traffic incidents; and
25	WHEREAS, Many governments and organizations recognize World
26	Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims as an opportunity to
27	educate the public on crash prevention; and
28	WHEREAS, World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is a
29	chance to pay tribute to the emergency response and medical
30	professionals who assist in the traumatic aftermath of traffic
31	incidents; and
32	WHEREAS, World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
33 34	originated in 1995, with European observance quickly spreading to
35	non-governmental organizations in Africa, South America, and Asia; and
36	WHEREAS, The United Nations recognizes World Day of
37	Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims on the third Sunday of
38	every November; and
39	WHEREAS, The United States Department of Transportation
40	recognizes World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims;
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42	WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that this State designate November
43	20th of each year as "World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic
44	Victims" 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	1. November 20th of each year is designated as World Day of
2	Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims in New Jersey.
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4	2. The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a
5	proclamation recognizing November 20th as "World Day of
6	Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims" in New Jersey and calling
7	upon public officials and citizens of this State to observe this day
8	with appropriate activities and programs.
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10	3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.
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13	STATEMENT
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15	This joint resolution recognizes November 20th of each year as
16	"World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims" in New
17	Jersey. World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is an
18	opportunity to raise awareness about the devastation wrought by
19	traffic accidents and educate residents about crash prevention. This
20	is also an occasion to honor the emergency response and medical
21	professionals who assist in the aftermath of traffic incidents.
22	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims originated
23	in Europe during 1995 and is now recognized around the world.
24	The United States Department of Transportation has acknowledged
25	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. The United
26	Nations designates the third Sunday of each November as World
27	Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.
28	Traffic incidents in New Jersey resulted in 697 fatalities during
29	2021, the highest rate in 14 years. Designating November 20th as
30	"World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims"
31	acknowledges the significant impact of traffic incidents on New
32	Jersey families and communities and recognizes the value of crash

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prevention to this State.