

P.L. 2023, Joint Resolution No. 7, *approved May 15, 2023*  
Senate Joint Resolution No. 21

1   **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating October 11 of each year as the  
2       "Day of the Girl" in New Jersey.  
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4   **WHEREAS**, In 2000, the United Nations adopted the Millennium  
5       Development Goals; and  
6   **WHEREAS**, The eight Millennium Development Goals form a  
7       blueprint agreed upon by 189 countries and the world's leading  
8       development institutions to eliminate global poverty by 2015, and  
9       implement policies that encourage sustained economic development  
10      in the world's poorest countries; and  
11   **WHEREAS**, The third goal seeks to promote gender equality and  
12      empower women by eliminating gender disparity in primary and  
13      secondary education, and supporting universal access to education  
14      for girls throughout the world; and  
15   **WHEREAS**, In order to meet this goal, the United Nations General  
16      Assembly adopted Resolution 66/170 in December 2011, to declare  
17      October 11 of each year as the "International Day of the Girl  
18      Child"; and  
19   **WHEREAS**, The resolution, which was co-sponsored by the United  
20      States and supported by 97 other countries, recognizes girls' rights  
21      and the unique social, economic, and educational challenges girls  
22      under the age of 18 encounter around the world; and  
23   **WHEREAS**, In order to promote the United Nations' efforts, the Day of  
24      the Girl campaign was established by School Girls Unite, a non-  
25      profit organization located in Washington D.C.; and  
26   **WHEREAS**, The purpose of the campaign is to encourage communities  
27      across the country to recognize the many injustices faced by girls  
28      around the world, including gender gaps in education, child  
29      marriage, human trafficking, female mutilation, and other forms of  
30      gender-specific violence; and  
31   **WHEREAS**, The campaign also empowers girls to learn to fight for  
32      their human rights, speak out against gender-based inequities, and  
33      advocate for equality, so girls in the United States and worldwide  
34      can pursue their dreams; and  
35   **WHEREAS**, The establishment of October 11 as the "Day of the Girl"  
36      will raise public awareness about the "International Day of the Girl  
37      Child" and galvanize the support of the citizens of, and community-  
38      based organizations in, the State to help better girls' lives and  
39      provide them with equal opportunities to reach their full potential;  
40      now, therefore,

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1       **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*  
2       *State of New Jersey:*

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4       1.   October 11 of each year is designated as the "Day of the  
5       Girl" in New Jersey to raise public awareness about the  
6       "International Day of the Girl Child" and galvanize the support of  
7       the citizens of, and community-based organizations in, the State to  
8       help better girls' lives and provide them with equal opportunities to  
9       reach their full potential.

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11       2.   The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a  
12       proclamation recognizing October 11 as the "Day of the Girl" in  
13       New Jersey and calling upon public officials, the citizens of the  
14       State, and other interested groups to observe the day with  
15       appropriate activities and programs.

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17       3.   This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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23       Designates October 11 of each year as "Day of the Girl" in New  
      Jersey.