

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 21

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

220th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2022 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator NELLIE POU

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

Senator M. TERESA RUIZ

District 29 (Essex)

SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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

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45 1. October 11 of each year is designated as the "Day of the
46 Girl" in New Jersey to raise public awareness about the
47 "International Day of the Girl Child" and galvanize the support of
48 the citizens of, and community-based organizations in, the State to

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1 help better girls' lives and provide them with equal opportunities to
2 reach their full potential.

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

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10 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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15 This joint resolution designates October 11 as the "Day of the
16 Girl" in New Jersey to raise public awareness about the
17 "International Day of the Girl Child" and galvanize the support of
18 the citizens of, and community-based organizations in, the State to
19 help better girls' lives and provide them with equal opportunities to
20 reach their full potential.