

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 59

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Sponsored by:

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SYNOPSIS

Designates the second Friday of December of each year as “Paraprofessional and School-Related Personnel (PSRPs) in Our Schools Day” in New Jersey to recognize the contributions of paraprofessionals and school-related personnel.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the second Friday in December
2 of each year as "PSRPs in Our Schools Day" in the State of New
3 Jersey to recognize the contributions of paraprofessionals and
4 school-related personnel.

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6 **WHEREAS**, Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel (PSRPs),
7 which include instructional and non-instructional aides, bus drivers,
8 and cafeteria, custodial, maintenance, and grounds staff, provide
9 valuable services within the State's schools, including: one-on-one
10 or small-group tutoring for students; assisting with classroom
11 management; acting as a translator; providing instructional support;
12 supervising students during non-instructional times; preparing and
13 serving nutritious meals; maintaining a clean, safe, and attractive
14 learning environment; and assisting in the transportation of students
15 to and from school; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel (PSRPs),
17 through their direct and indirect involvement with students, play a
18 critical role in facilitating communication between students,
19 teachers, and parents; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Each serves as an essential member of the education team
21 on which he works and is relied upon heavily by other members of
22 his team; and

23 **WHEREAS**, By providing direct and indirect support to students,
24 PSRPs enable teachers and other educators to better enhance the
25 effectiveness of their classrooms and schools; and

26 **WHEREAS**, While the tireless and dedicated work of PSRPs may often
27 go unheralded, their efforts empower students to achieve greater
28 success in their studies and development; and

29 **WHEREAS**, It is both fitting and proper that the State recognize the
30 many contributions of PSRPs in our schools; now, therefore,

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32 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
33 *State of New Jersey:*

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35 1. The second Friday in December of each year is designated as
36 "PSRPs in Our Schools Day" in New Jersey in recognition of the
37 valuable services paraprofessionals and school-related personnel
38 provide.

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40 2. The Governor and the Legislature hereby recognize and
41 commend PSRPs for their contributions and call upon the citizens
42 of New Jersey to participate fittingly in the observance of "PSRPs
43 in Our Schools Day."

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45 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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This joint resolution designates the second Friday in December of each year "PSRPs in Our Schools Day" in New Jersey to recognize the contributions of paraprofessionals and school-related personnel (PSRPs). Under the resolution, the Governor and the Legislature call upon the State's citizens to participate in the observance of this day.

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