

# ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 174

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 221st LEGISLATURE

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**Sponsored by:**

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**District 20 (Union)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Urges Biden Administration to provide resources and funding to assist with drone response.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION urging President Biden's  
2 Administration to make federal resources and funding available  
3 to the State to ensure effective State and local law enforcement  
4 response to the incursion of unidentified drone flights across the  
5 State.

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7 WHEREAS, Each evening since November 18, 2024, countless  
8 residents and State and local officials have reported sighting  
9 unmanned aircraft, commonly referred to as "drones," over more  
10 than a dozen counties and many sensitive locations across the State,  
11 including Picatinny Arsenal in Morris County, Naval Weapons  
12 Station Earle in Monmouth County, Round Valley in Hunterdon  
13 County, the State's largest reservoir which provides potable  
14 drinking water to 1.5 million State residents, and a residence of the  
15 President-elect, Trump National Golf Club in Somerset County;  
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17 WHEREAS, Based on reported sightings, many of the drones appear to  
18 be quite large and operated in a manner not typical to hobby or  
19 commercial drones; and

20 WHEREAS, The source of the drones remains a mystery and the  
21 ongoing phenomenon is causing alarm among New Jersey  
22 residents, who continue to witness the flights each evening without  
23 officials being able to provide any material information concerning  
24 the nature of the flights and whether they pose a threat; and

25 WHEREAS, The federal government retains authority over the nation's  
26 airspace, but the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) relies on  
27 State and local law enforcement agencies to observe and report to  
28 federal authorities suspicious or unlawful activity in airspace; and

29 WHEREAS, The volume of sightings each evening and the number of  
30 reports to State and local officials made by residents who have  
31 spotted drones and, in some cases, have reported potential downed  
32 drones, have required significant State and local law enforcement  
33 response and expenditure of resources, and this high level of  
34 response is necessary as the drone flights continue; and

35 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for the federal government to  
36 provide additional resources and funding to the State to ensure that  
37 State and local law enforcement authorities are able to effectively  
38 respond to this and any future emerging threats and protect New  
39 Jersey residents from potential risks posed by drones; now,  
40 therefore,

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42 BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of New  
43 Jersey:

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45 1. The Legislature of New Jersey respectfully urges the federal  
46 government to provide the State with additional resources and  
47 funding to assist in the State's response to the current and any

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1 future phenomena of unidentified drones operating in the airspace  
2 of the State.

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4 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,  
5 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the  
6 President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of  
7 the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the  
8 United States House of Representatives, and every member of  
9 Congress from this State.

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**STATEMENT**

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14 In response to the ongoing phenomenon of unidentified drones  
15 operating nightly over the State requiring significant State and local  
16 law enforcement response, this resolution urges the federal  
17 government to provide the State with additional resources and  
18 funding to ensure that State and local law enforcement authorities  
19 are able to respond effectively to emerging threats and protect New  
20 Jersey residents from potential risks posed by these drones.