

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

A JOINT RESOLUTION permanently designating August 17th as “Nonprofit Day” in New Jersey.

WHEREAS, Nonprofit organizations are legal entities that operate to serve a collective, public, or social benefit and are committed to serving their organization’s purpose rather than the generation of profit; and

WHEREAS, Nonprofit organizations play a crucial role in addressing social and humanitarian issues by providing essential services and support to marginalized and vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, Nonprofit organizations contribute to the overall well-being of communities by providing food assistance, healthcare, and educational services; and

WHEREAS, Nonprofit organizations foster collaborations between governmental agencies, the private sector, and the public to address societal challenges and promote collective responsibility; and

WHEREAS, There are 1.5 million nonprofit organizations across the United States of which over 40,000 are located in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Every year over 1.8 million individuals in New Jersey volunteer for nonprofit organizations contributing over 225 million hours of service; and

WHEREAS, Americans across the country donate hundreds of billions of dollars to nonprofit organizations every year; and

WHEREAS, Services provided by nonprofit organizations in New Jersey are valued at \$5.3 billion a year; and

WHEREAS, Nonprofit organizations employ roughly 330,000 New Jersey residents which accounts for nearly 10 percent of the State’s private sector work force; and

WHEREAS, Individuals across the State of New Jersey contribute to nonprofit organizations either through volunteering, donating, or spreading awareness; and

WHEREAS, By designating August 17 as “Nonprofit Day,” the State of New Jersey will join a national movement to recognize the efforts of nonprofit organizations in serving their communities; now, therefore,

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

C.36:2-494 “Nonprofit Day,” August 17.

1. August 17th of each year is permanently designated as “Nonprofit Day” in New Jersey to recognize the efforts of nonprofit organizations and their effort to serve local communities.

C.36:2-495 Annual proclamation.

2. The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation and call upon public officials and all citizens of this State to observe “Nonprofit Day” with appropriate programs and activities.

3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 12, 2026.