

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 94

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Designates October 27th of each year as “Tree of Life Remembrance Day” in New Jersey.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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**SJR94 GREENSTEIN, BEACH**

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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating October 27th of each year as  
2 “Tree of Life Remembrance Day” in New Jersey.

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4 **WHEREAS**, Tree of Life Synagogue is a synagogue in the Squirrel Hill  
5 neighborhood of eastern Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania’s second largest  
6 city; and

7 **WHEREAS**, On October 27, 2018, a mass shooting fueled by religious  
8 and ethnic animus towards Jewish people occurred at Tree of Life  
9 Synagogue; and

10 **WHEREAS**, The mass shooting unfolded during morning services and a  
11 joyous celebration; and

12 **WHEREAS**, The senseless act of violence resulted in the loss of eleven  
13 innocent lives and injury to six others; and

14 **WHEREAS**, The tragedy and loss of life have shocked and saddened  
15 Americans around the country; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Houses of worship are places of community, solace, and  
17 reflection, where no person should feel fear; and

18 **WHEREAS**, The people of New Jersey share the grief of the families  
19 and friends of those who were injured or killed; and

20 **WHEREAS**, It is fitting and proper to designate October 27th of each  
21 year as “Tree of Life Remembrance Day” so that we recognize the  
22 victims and honor their memories; now, therefore,

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

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27 1. a. October 27th of each year is designated as “Tree of Life  
28 Remembrance Day” in the State of New Jersey.

29 b. The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation calling  
30 upon public officials and citizens of this State to observe the day  
31 with appropriate activities and programs.

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33 2. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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**STATEMENT**

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38 On October 27, 2018, a mass shooting fueled by religious and  
39 ethnic animus towards Jewish people occurred at Tree of Life  
40 Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The senseless act of  
41 violence resulted in the loss of eleven innocent lives and injury to  
42 six others. The people of New Jersey share the grief of the families  
43 and friends of those who were injured or killed, and the designation  
44 of October 27th of each year as “Tree of Life Remembrance Day”  
45 would allow New Jersey residents to annually recognize the victims  
46 of that mass shooting and honor their memories.