

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 66

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

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SYNOPSIS

Designating fourth Wednesday in May of each year as “Crisis Professionals Day.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee with technical review.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the fourth Wednesday in May of
2 each year as “Crisis Professionals Day.”

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4 **WHEREAS**, Crisis professionals are trained professionals who engage
5 with people who are experiencing a crisis; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Crisis professionals directly engage with people when they
7 are most vulnerable, oftentimes as a result of illness and trauma, in
8 an effort to deescalate the crisis using methods that center around
9 empathy, support, and hope; and

10 **WHEREAS**, When engaging with a person who is experiencing a crisis,
11 the crisis professional assesses the situation and implements a
12 course of care so that the children, adults, and families involved can
13 obtain the treatment and support they need and deserve; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Crisis professionals face high stress situations on a regular
15 basis and as a result have earned the State’s highest respect and
16 gratitude; and

17 **WHEREAS**, As a critical part of the acute care that New Jerseyans
18 receive across the State, crisis professionals engage with New
19 Jerseyans during the most traumatic, stressful, and challenging
20 times of their lives; and

21 **WHEREAS**, It is fitting to recognize and honor the life-changing and
22 lifesaving services that crisis professionals provide, as well as the
23 invaluable contributions they have provided to thousands of New
24 Jerseyans and communities throughout the State; now, therefore,

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

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29 1. The fourth Wednesday in May of each year is designated as
30 “Crisis Professionals Day” in the State of New Jersey in order to
31 recognize and honor the importance of crisis professionals and the
32 services they provide as they enhance human well-being and mental
33 health, restore functioning, and save lives, by contributing to high
34 quality, context-relevant behavioral health services.

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36 2. The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a
37 proclamation recognizing the fourth Wednesday in May of each
38 year as “Crisis Professionals Day” in New Jersey, and calling upon
39 public officials and the citizens of this State to observe the day with
40 appropriate activities and programs.

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42 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.