

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 25

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 221st LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Designates first week of May of each year as Wounded Warrior Appreciation Week.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee with technical review.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the first week of May of each
2 year as Wounded Warrior Appreciation Week.

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4 **WHEREAS**, Many of our military veterans and service members have
5 incurred physical and mental injuries, illnesses, and wounds in the
6 service of the United States; and

7 **WHEREAS**, With advancements in battlefield medicine and body
8 armor, an unprecedented percentage of service members are
9 surviving severe wounds and injures; and

10 **WHEREAS**, It is estimated that during Operation Iraqi Freedom and
11 Operation Enduring Freedom, for every United States soldier
12 killed, seven are wounded for a combined total of over 48,000
13 servicemen; and

14 **WHEREAS**, In addition to the physical wounds, it is estimated that as
15 many as 400,000 service members live with the invisible wounds of
16 war including combat-related stress, major depression, and post-
17 traumatic stress disorder, with another 320,000 believed to have
18 experienced a traumatic brain injury while on deployment; and

19 **WHEREAS**, These wounded warriors need programs uniquely
20 structured to nurture their minds and bodies, to foster the most
21 successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members
22 in our nation’s history; and

23 **WHEREAS**, This State should honor and empower all wounded
24 warriors, encouraging them as they adjust back to civilian life and
25 achieve their goals; now, therefore,

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

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30 1. The first full week of May of each year is designated as
31 “Wounded Warrior Appreciation Week” in New Jersey in order to
32 raise public awareness to the unique courage and needs of wounded
33 veterans in the service of the United States Military and encourage
34 them in their adjustments to civilian life and achievement of their
35 goals.

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37 2. The Governor is respectfully requested to issue a
38 proclamation calling upon public officials and citizens of this State
39 to observe “Wounded Warrior Appreciation Week” with
40 appropriate activities and programs.

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42 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.