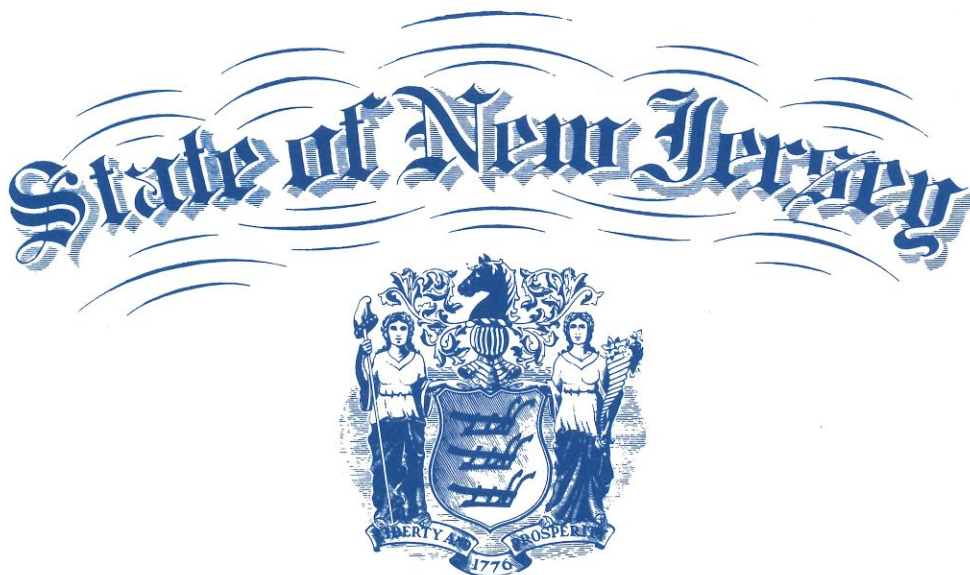




THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator President SCUTARI, Assembly Speaker COUGHLIN,
and All Members of the Legislature

WHEREAS, National Public Health Week will be observed within the Garden State and across the nation from April 7 to 13, 2025, and will center on the theme *It Starts Here*; and,

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to recognize public health workers upon this auspicious occasion, which marks the Thirtieth Anniversary of the annual celebration and is a fitting time to recall the significant strides that have been made during the past three decades; and,

WHEREAS, Some of the many accomplishments in the nation's public health sector since 1994 include a notable reduction in transmission and deaths due to HIV/AIDS, a drop of more than fifty percent in smoking rates, and a decrease in childhood mortality and lead poisoning, as well as improved awareness and treatment of mental health conditions, greater recognition of the health impact of climate change, and a growth in pandemic preparedness, especially after the Covid-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, Despite these important achievements, racial and ethnic minority populations continue to experience disparities in the burden of illness and death, with health status varying drastically from town to town across the United States, and as a result, National Public Health Week aims to raise awareness of this and other issues and to educate policy makers and the public so that, together, we can overcome a wide range of health threats and transform the focus of the health system from treatment of disease and injury to prevention and promotion of wellness; and,

WHEREAS, The strength and prosperity of the State of New Jersey and the vitality of our American society greatly depend upon concerned and industrious individuals, exemplified by our public health professionals, who devote their time and energies and utilize their unique skills in furtherance of the common good; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether proper and fitting for the members of this Legislature to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge the Thirtieth Annual National Public Health Week and praise the tireless efforts of our public health professionals, which have served to support the wellbeing of us all; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

That this Legislature hereby recognizes National Public Health Week, pays tribute to the meritorious service, leadership, and commitment of public health professionals, and encourages New Jersey residents to participate in this important observance; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk.

Attest:



Adison B. Hinrichs
Secretary of the Senate



David Burley
Clerk of the General Assembly

Nicholas P. Scutari
President of the Senate

Craig J. Coughlin
Speaker of the General Assembly