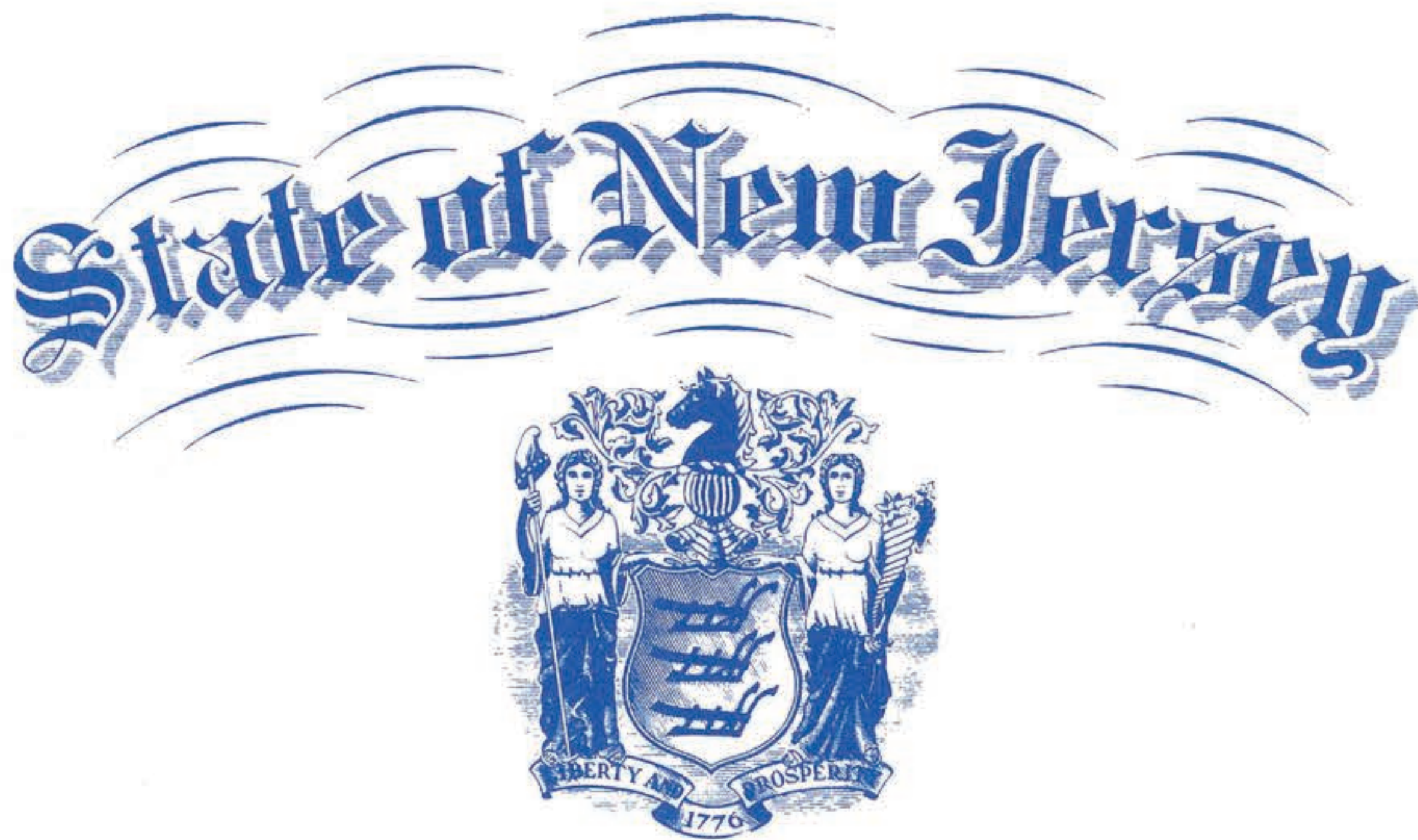




THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N. J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION
By Senator HOLZAPFEL and Assemblymen MCGUCKIN and KANITRA

WHEREAS, October 28th is set aside to mark National First Responders Day in New Jersey and across the United States; and,

WHEREAS, It is upon this auspicious occasion that the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to acknowledge those selfless individuals—the public works professionals, firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, 911 operators, paramedics, and other emergency personnel—who devote their time and energies and utilize their unique skills to protect the people of the Garden State in times of crisis; and,

WHEREAS, First responders knowingly place themselves in harm's way during natural disasters, accidents, medical emergencies, and other threats to public health and safety—often despite conditions of considerable danger—and it is incumbent upon us to raise awareness of the immeasurable contributions these dedicated professionals and volunteers have made in furtherance of the common good; and,

WHEREAS, The strength and prosperity of the State of New Jersey and the vitality of our American society greatly depend upon hardworking and resolute citizens, exemplified by our courageous first responders, who act together and harness vast resources to address a need, to support one another and their communities, to relieve their neighbors from unavoidable hardship, and to improve the quality of life for all; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether right and proper for the members of this Legislature to pause in their deliberations to join with the American Public Works Association in expressing overwhelming gratitude for our steadfast first responders, extraordinary men and women who remain always ready to save lives, lessen injuries, ease pain, and provide comfort without regard to the hour, weather conditions, or personal inconvenience—remarkable attributes that are most deserving of our deepest respect and admiration; now, therefore,

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

That this Legislature hereby commemorates National First Responders Day, pays tribute to those who put their own lives at risk to ensure the safety and wellbeing of others, and encourages all New Jerseyans to participate fittingly 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:



Addison B. Hinrichs
Secretary of the Senate



Dana M. Burley
Clerk of the General Assembly

Nicholas P. Scutari
President of the Senate

Craig J. Coughlin
Speaker of the General Assembly