

JOINT RESOLUTION No. 11

AN ACT creating a commission to foster racial and religious understanding and good will and for the designation of a good-will or brotherhood holiday.

WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey is a great industrial and agricultural State composed of various racial and religious groups; and Preamble.

WHEREAS, One of the first requisites of a harmonious, contented and prosperous State or nation depends upon racial and religious tolerance and understanding; and Preamble.

WHEREAS, The world is rent asunder by strife and wars and great injustice is being perpetrated upon minority peoples because of race, religion or creed; and Preamble.

WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey was among the first to enact laws for the punishment of the incitation to harm a resident thereof because of his race or religion; and Preamble.

WHEREAS, It is clear that prevention through education and enlightenment is essential to thwart evil acts, and hence it is better to prevent than punish same; and Preamble.

WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey has ever gloried in the great traditional and constitutional guarantees of the bill of rights; now therefore, Preamble.

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

1. The Governor of this State is hereby authorized to appoint a commission of not more than fifteen Commission on racial understanding.

Terms.	teen residents of the State of New Jersey, composed as far as practicable to act as representatives of different racial and religious groups, to act as a permanent committee to foster racial and religious amity and understanding. The members of such commission shall hold office for terms of three years each and until their successors shall be appointed by the Governor.
Official name of commission. Organization.	The commission shall be known as the Good-Will Commission of the State of New Jersey. It shall organize by the selection of a chairman and secretary from among its members and all of the members of the commission shall serve without compensation. The commission is empowered to adopt rules and regulations for its administration.
Observance of Brotherhood and Good-Will Day.	The Governor shall, upon the request of the commission, establish each year by proclamation a certain day on which the residents of the State of New Jersey shall be requested to join in private and public functions for the celebration of such day, which shall be designated as Brotherhood and Good-Will Day. 2. This act shall take effect immediately. Approved June 4, 1938.