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CHAPTER 210 LAWS OF N. J. 1983
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SENATE No. 1805

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 18, 1982

By Senators GALLAGHER, FELDMAN, LYNCH, WEISS, FORAN,
SAXTON, ORECHIO and EWING

Referred to Committee on State Government, Federal and
Interstate Relations and Veterans Affairs

AN ACT designating the tenth day of June in each year as Lidice
Memorial Day in the State and supplementing Title 36 of the
Revised Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. The Legislature finds and declares:

2 a. That the tenth day of June marks the anniversary of one of
3 the most heinous criminal acts in the history of western civiliza-
4 tion, the brutal extermination of the peaceful village of Lidice,
5 Czechoslovakia by the barbaric members of the Nazi security
6 police on June 10, 1942.

7 b. On that dark day in 1942 every male resident of Lidice over
8 the age of 16 was murdered; all of the women were condemned to
9 the dreaded Ravensbrueck concentration camp; four pregnant
10 women were taken to a maternity hospital where their newly born
11 children were murdered; and all of the surviving children of Lidice
12 were sent outside of Czechoslovakia and dispersed.

13 c. After the people of Lidice had been so thoroughly savaged,
14 the Nazi security police turned their perverted fury on the village
15 itself, first burning it, then dynamiting the ruins, and finally
16 leveling the site of the village to the ground.

17 d. This barbarous act of depravity so aroused the wrath of the
18 world, that towns and villages in many countries renamed them-
19 selves Lidice so that the memory of that peaceful little village
20 might be preserved.

21 e. It is the firm belief of this Legislature that the memory
22 of the hideous outrage that was committed against Lidice must
23 not be allowed to fade, lest a similar fate befall other communities.

1 2. The tenth day of June in each year is designated as Lidice
2 Memorial Day in honor of the innocent victims of the Nazi outrage
3 that was committed against Lidice, Czechoslovakia. The Governor
4 of the State is requested annually to call on the people of the
5 world to remember the fate of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, and to honor
6 the memory of the innocent victims of the brutal outrage that
7 was committed on June 10, 1942.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately .

STATEMENT

This bill designates each June 10th as Lidice Memorial Day in the State.

Lidice, a town in Czechoslovakia, was brutally exterminated by Nazi "security police" on June 10, 1942. The Nazis murdered every male over the age of 16, condemned the women to the dreaded Ravensbrueck concentration camp and totally destroyed the village.

This bill honors the victims of such a brutal and barbaric outrage.

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It is beyond human comprehension that on June 10, 1942 every male resident of Lidice over the age of 16 was murdered; all of the women were condemned to the dreaded Ravensbrueck concentration camp; four pregnant women were taken to a maternity hospital where their newly born children were murdered; and all of the surviving children of Lidice were sent outside of Czechoslovakia and dispersed. However, this atrocity did occur and it is for that reason that I would gladly support a bill that made every June 10th hereafter Lidice Memorial Day so that the

depravity and brutality that destroyed the peaceful little village of Lidice that so aroused the wrath of the world should be remembered.

With these thoughts I reluctantly return Senate Joint Resolution No. 24 without my approval.”

This bill would implement the recommendation of the Governor for a permanent Lidice Memorial Day.

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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT, CIVIL SERVICE,
ELECTIONS, PENSIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 1805

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 25, 1983

This bill would permanently establish June 10 as "Lidice Memorial Day" in New Jersey.

The bill notes that, on June 10, 1942, Nazi security police demolished the town of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, and killed, imprisoned or exiled all of the inhabitants. The purpose of the bill is to provide for annual commemoration of the atrocity and the honoring of its victims.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL AND
INTERSTATE RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 1805

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 13, 1982

Senate Joint Resolution No. 24 had designated June 10, 1982 as Lidice Memorial Day. The resolution passed both houses of the Legislature but was vetoed by the Governor because he had not received it until after June 10, 1982.

Senate No. 1805 designates June 10th of each year as Lidice Memorial Day to commemorate the victims of the Nazi atrocities against the inhabitants of the Czechoslovakian town of Lidice.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RELEASE: IMMEDIATE

CONTACT: PAUL WOLCOTT

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1983

Governor Thomas H. Kean today marked the anniversary of one of the worst atrocities of World War II by signing legislation designating June 10 as Lidice Memorial Day. The ceremony marked the 41st anniversary of the massacre of the village of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, by Nazi security police.

The bill, S-1805, was sponsored by State Senator John P. Gallagher, R-Monmouth. It permanently designates June 10 as Lidice Memorial Day to provide for annual commemoration of the atrocity and honoring of the victims.

"As time goes by it becomes ever more important that our generation act to ensure that those of future generations will have no opportunity to forget the horror of the Nazi movement," Kean said. "From this day on, the people of New Jersey will have cause to remember each year the atrocities perpetrated against the innocent residents of Lidice by Nazi storm troopers.

"Armed with this reminder, those who follow us will be all the better equipped to see that such horrors are never permitted to happen again."

On May 27, 1942, a Hitler deputy, Reinhard Heydrich, was assassinated by Czech resistance fighters. He died of his wounds on June 4. Acting on information that residents of Lidice may have sheltered the attackers, Gestapo agents moved into the village on June 10.

They shot all men over the age of 16 and sent the rest of the women and children off to concentration camps. The town was burned and razed to such an extent that no visible traces remained. Some 1,200 innocent people lost their lives.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 24 13
STATE OF NEW JERSEY 27

INTRODUCED MAY 10, 1982

By Senators GALLAGHER, HIRKALA, FELDMAN, FORAN,
GRAVES, WEISS, SAXTON, EWING, LYNCH and ORECHIO

Referred to Committee on State Government, Federal and
Interstate Relations and Veterans Affairs

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating Thursday, June 10, 1982, as
Lidice Memorial Day in the State of New Jersey.

1 WHEREAS, Thursday, June 10, 1982 marks the fortieth anniversary
2 of one of the most heinous criminal acts in the history of western
3 civilization—the brutal extermination of the peaceful village of
4 Lidice, Czechoslovakia by the barbaric members of the Nazi
5 security police on June 10, 1942; and

6 WHEREAS, On that dark day in 1942 every male resident of Lidice
7 over the age of 16 was murdered; all of the women were con-
8 demned to the dreaded Ravensbrueck concentration camp; four
9 pregnant women were taken to a maternity hospital where their
10 newly born children were murdered; and all of the surviving
11 children of Lidice were sent outside of Czechoslovakia and dis-
12 persed; and

13 WHEREAS, After the people of Lidice had been so thoroughly sav-
14 aged, the Nazi security police turned their perverted fury on
15 the village itself, first burning it, then dynamiting the ruins, and
16 finally leveling the site of the village to the ground; and

17 WHEREAS, This barbarous act of depravity so aroused the wrath
18 of the world, that towns and villages in many countries renamed
19 themselves Lidice so that the memory of that peaceful little
20 village might be preserved; and

21 WHEREAS, It is the firm belief of this Legislature that the memory
22 of the hideous outrage that was committed against Lidice must
23 not be allowed to fade, lest a similar fate befall other communi-
24 ties; now, therefore,

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

1 1. That Thursday, June 10, 1982 is designated as the Lidice
2 Memorial Day in honor of the innocent victims of the Nazi outrage
3 that was committed against Lidice, Czechoslovakia.

1 2. That the Governor and the Legislature of the State of New
2 Jersey call on the people of the world to remember the fate of
3 Lidice, Czechoslovakia, and to honor the memory of the innocent
4 victims of the brutal outrage that was committed on June 10, 1942.

1 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this joint resolution is expressed in its title and
preamble.

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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL AND
INTERSTATE RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 24

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 24, 1982

This resolution designates Thursday, June 10, 1982, as Lidice Memorial Day in the State of New Jersey.

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