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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION
By Senator SINGER and Assemblmen KEAN and RIBLE

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to acknowledge May 2017 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in the Garden State; and,

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Legislature notes that nearly 400,000 cases of Lyme Disease are reported in the United States every year, and this State ranks number two in case numbers; and,

WHEREAS, Lyme Disease Awareness Month is dedicated to increasing public knowledge of this infectious disease that is transmitted by the bite of an infected tick, commonly called the blacklegged tick or deer tick, which is carried by mice, chipmunks, deer, birds, and other forms of wildlife and domestic animals into backyards, outlying fields, and forests; and,

WHEREAS, Lyme Disease can attack every system of the body, and a delay in diagnosis and treatment of the disease may result in severe illness, disability, or death; and,

WHEREAS, The Lyme Disease Association Inc. is commended for focusing its superb efforts on public education and the methods used to prevent exposure to ticks and the transmission of Lyme, including the performance of frequent tick checks and the correct way to remove them; and,

WHEREAS, It is both right and proper for the members of this Legislature to pause in their deliberations to note the occurrence of Lyme Disease Awareness Month in New Jersey; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:
That this Legislature hereby joins in the observance of Lyme Disease Awareness Month during May 2017, salutes the Lyme Disease Association Inc. for its outstanding dedication and commitment, and urges all New Jerseysans to learn the prevention methods and techniques utilized in the removal of ticks; 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:

Jennifer A. McQuaid
Secretary of the Senate

Dana M. Burley
Clerk of the General Assembly

President of the Senate

Speaker of the General Assembly