



**AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** commemorating the 280th anniversary of the founding of Princeton University.

**WHEREAS**, Princeton University was founded in 1746, beginning a tradition of excellence that continues today; and

**WHEREAS**, Over its 280-year history, Princeton has served as a bastion for free and critical thought, leading to numerous breakthroughs for the betterment of humankind; and

**WHEREAS**, Princeton has earned global renown as a preeminent teaching and research institution, consistently ranked amongst the top universities in the world, with more than 30 academic study concentrations and faculty, students, and alumni responsible for groundbreaking research in engineering, applied sciences, the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, As a result of these academic and research achievements, dozens of Princeton faculty, alumni, and students have been awarded the Nobel Prize, the Turing Award, the Fields Medal, and other prestigious honors in their respective fields; and

**WHEREAS**, The achievements and contributions made by Princeton, its faculty, students, and alumni extend beyond academia and into the realm of public service, as the University has played a significant role in the history of this State and of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Princeton University's history of service dates back to then-President of the University, John Witherspoon, signing the Declaration of Independence in 1776; and

**WHEREAS**, That same year, the University hosted the first session of the New Jersey State Legislature at historic Nassau Hall between August and October 1776; and

**WHEREAS**, The University later hosted a meeting of the Continental Congress while Princeton served as the temporary United States capital; and

**WHEREAS**, Princeton alumni have carried on this legacy of public service in the years since its founding, with two having been elected President of the United States and a dozen appointed to the United States Supreme Court, including three current Justices; and

**WHEREAS**, Eleven alumni have gone on to serve as Governor of this State and every Governor of this State has, for the last 250 years, served as a trustee of the University; and

**WHEREAS**, Thousands of Princeton Tigers have dedicated themselves to service locally, tackling challenges across New Jersey in various State and local government roles, including the State Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, Each year, thousands more faculty, staff, and students volunteer in communities throughout the State and surrounding region; and

**WHEREAS**, The impact of Princeton University, and its faculty, students, and alumni, has undeniably made the world, the country, and this State a more prosperous place; and

**WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper that the General Assembly commemorates the 280th anniversary of the founding of Princeton University and recognizes the importance of continuing a close and

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mutually beneficial relationship between the University and the State well into the future; now, therefore,

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

1. The General Assembly commutes the 280th anniversary of the founding of Princeton University and the University's continuous partnership with, and contributions made to, the State of New Jersey.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the President of Princeton University.

#### STATEMENT

This Assembly resolution commutes the 280th anniversary of the founding of Princeton University and the University's continuous partnership with, and contributions made to, the State of New Jersey.

Over its 280-year history, Princeton has served as a bastion for free and critical thought, leading to numerous breakthroughs for the betterment of humankind.

The University has earned global renown as a teaching and research institution, consistently ranked amongst the top universities in the world, with more than 30 academic study concentrations and faculty, students, and alumni responsible for groundbreaking research in engineering, applied sciences, the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. As a result of these academic achievements, dozens of Princeton faculty, alumni, and students have been awarded the Nobel Prize, the Turing Award, the Fields Medal, and other prestigious honors in their respective fields.

The achievements and contributions made by Princeton, its faculty, students, and alumni extend beyond academia and into the realm of public service as well.

Princeton University's history of service dates back to then-President of the University, John Witherspoon, signing the Declaration of Independence in 1776. That same year, the University hosted the first session of the New Jersey State Legislature at historic Nassau Hall between August and October 1776. The University later hosted a meeting of the Continental Congress in 1783 while Princeton served as the temporary United States capital.

Princeton alumni have carried on this legacy of service in the years since the University's founding, with two having been elected Presidents of the United States and a dozen appointed to the United States Supreme Court, including three current Justices. Eleven alumni have gone on to serve as Governor of this State and every Governor of this State has, for the last 250 years, served as a trustee

of the University. Thousands of Princeton Tigers have dedicated themselves to service locally, tackling challenges across New Jersey in various State and local government roles, including in the State Legislature.

Additionally, each year, thousands of university faculty, staff, and students volunteer in communities throughout the State and surrounding region.

The impact of Princeton University, and its faculty, students, and alumni, has undeniably made the world, the country, and this State a more prosperous place.

It is altogether fitting and proper that the General Assembly commemorates the 280th anniversary of the founding of Princeton University and recognizes the importance of continuing a close and mutually beneficial relationship between the University and the State well into the future.

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