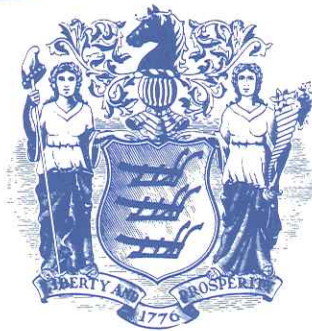


# State of New Jersey



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

### JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senate President SWEENEY, Assembly Speaker OLIVER and All Members of the Legislature

- WHEREAS**, Serious mental illnesses, such as major depression, schizophrenia, and bipolar, obsessive-compulsive, severe anxiety, borderline personality, and post-traumatic stress disorders, affect one in every four people annually; and,
- WHEREAS**, Misunderstandings exist about many mental illnesses, and our social culture often wrongly imposes stigma on them; and,
- WHEREAS**, NAMI Mercer New Jersey continues its commitment to improve the lives of individuals and families who are affected by mental illness through education, advocacy, and mutual support; and,
- WHEREAS**, NAMI Mercer appreciates and recognizes the vast effort in meeting the challenge of mental illness, which affects more than four thousand individuals and families in greater Mercer County; and,
- WHEREAS**, NAMI Mercer celebrates and honors the commitment of two extraordinary women, Kay and Janet Lasley, for their gift of service to the greater Mercer County community; and,
- WHEREAS**, NAMI Mercer, as an organization with a membership of over four hundred families, remembers and continues to benefit from Kay Lasley's pioneering spirit and energetic leadership that included the provision of housing for people with mental illness, the education and support of family members, and advocacy efforts with local and State officials, to improve the lives of Mercer County residents who are affected by mental illness; and,
- WHEREAS**, The same pioneering and heroic spirit continued in Janet Lasley, Kay and John Lasley's daughter, whose passion for building things expressed itself through her business, volunteer service, and philanthropic efforts; now, therefore,

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

That this Legislature hereby recognizes January 21, 2012, as Night Out with NAMI 2012, celebrates the spirit of giving and service on behalf of all individuals and families facing the challenge of mental illness, and urges all New Jerseyans to participate fittingly in this event; 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:



Kent M. Hicks  
Secretary of the Senate



Dana M. Burley  
Clerk of the General Assembly

  
President of the Senate

  
Speaker of the General Assembly