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DELAWARE STATE SENATE 149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2018 AS "SELF-CARE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

| 1 | WHEREAS, self-care is a cornerstone of helping to reduce the overall cost of healthcare in Delaware and the |
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| 2 | country; and |
| 3 | WHEREAS over-the-counter medicines save the United States healthcare system \$102 billion annually; and |
| 4 | WHEREAS self-care supports good health and helps develop lifelong healthy lifestyle choices, including the |
| 5 | following: good hygiene practices, nutritious diet, regular exercise, prevention of infection and illness, avoiding unhealthy |
| 6 | choices, monitoring for signs and symptoms of changes in health, knowing when to consult a healthcare practitioner, and |
| 7 | knowing when it is appropriate to self-treat conditions; and |
| 8 | WHEREAS self-care includes responsible use and disposal of all medications, both prescription and over-the- |
| 9 | counter; and |
| 10 | WHEREAS self-care products are those that consumers can purchase in pharmacies, supermarkets, retail stores |
| 11 | and online; and |
| 12 | WHEREAS the United States Food and Drug Administration deems over-the-counter medicines safe and effective |
| 13 | for the self-care treatment of minor acute and chronic health conditions and symptoms such as pain, the common cold, |
| 14 | allergies, and other conditions that impact large segments of the population; and |
| 15 | WHEREAS self-care supports a person-centered care model that is one element of a strategy to reduce total |
| 16 | healthcare costs. |
| 17 | NOW, THEREFORE: |
| 18 | BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of |
| 19 | Representatives concurring therein, that February 2018 is recognized as "Self-Care Month" in the State of Delaware. |
| | <u>SYNOPSIS</u> |
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This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes February 2018 as "Self-Care Month."

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