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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

RECOGNIZING THE DELAWARE HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK AS AN EXEMPLARY MODEL FOR
PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND AS A GROWING HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
ORGANIZATION BASED IN KENT COUNTY.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Delaware is committed to improving the health of Delawareans and improving access to
2 quality, timely healthcare data; and

3 WHEREAS, healthcare spending in Delaware is higher than the national average and the State is pursuing efforts
4 to control costs; and

5 WHEREAS, the Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN) grew out of a private-public partnership begun in
6 1997, with the State partially financially supporting the effort to develop a statewide health information exchange (HIE);
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the DHIN's enabling statute was amended in 2011 designating DHIN as a non-profit, state-related
9 organization, not a State agency; and

10 WHEREAS, the DHIN was the first statewide HIE in the nation and among the first to have 100% participation
11 among acute care hospitals in its home state; and

12 WHEREAS, the DHIN achieved full financial self-sustainability in 2012 and operates completely independent of
13 any direct government financial support; and

14 WHEREAS, the DHIN has grown its regional footprint to all or parts of 6 states and the District of Columbia,
15 helping Delawareans who receive care throughout the Mid-Atlantic region experience better transitions of care; and

16 WHEREAS, the DHIN's Community Health Record now includes over 2.5 million total unique patient records
17 from all 50 states and is a valued resource among Delaware's medical providers and public health officials; and

18 WHEREAS, the DHIN has established a national reputation as a model organization for public HIEs; and

19 WHEREAS, the DHIN has honored its statutory mission of launching services for consumers to help better engage
20 Delawareans with their healthcare; and

21 WHEREAS, the DHIN is playing an active role in the State's efforts to reduce the total cost of health care for all
22 Delawareans.

23 NOW, THEREFORE:

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
25 Representatives concurring therein, that the DHIN is recognized as an exemplary model for a state incubated, public-private
26 partnership that has resulted in a thriving Kent County based health information technology initiative dedicated to increase
27 healthcare communication to improve the lives of Delawareans.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes the success of the Delaware Health Information Network, a locally developed health information exchange, which has become a national model and continues to grow as an independent healthcare information technology organization.

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