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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

PROMOTING AWARENESS OF THE RARE DISEASE HYPOPHOSPHATEMIC RICKETS.

1 WHEREAS, hypophosphatemic rickets is a disorder in which the bones become painfully soft and bend easily,
2 due to low levels of phosphate in the blood; and

3 WHEREAS, the symptoms of hypophosphatemic rickets usually begin in infancy or early childhood, and the
4 specific symptoms and severity can vary greatly among affected children. The condition can be so mild that there are no
5 noticeable symptoms, or so severe that it causes bowing of the legs and other bone deformities, bone pain, joint pain, and
6 short stature; and

7 WHEREAS, hypophosphatemic rickets is almost always hereditary and may be caused by mutations in any of
8 several genes. The specific gene involved determines the way it is inherited; and

9 WHEREAS, the long-term prognosis for people with hypophosphatemic rickets is good; with appropriate
10 management, normal health and normal lifespan are expected; and

11 WHEREAS, X-linked hypophosphatemic rickets is the most common form of rickets that runs in families and
12 affects about 1 in 20,000 newborns, while each of the other forms of hereditary hypophosphatemic rickets has been
13 identified in only a few families; and

14 WHEREAS, while the public is familiar with some rare diseases such as "Lou Gehrig's disease" and sympathetic
15 to those affected, many patients and families affected by less widely known rare diseases bear a large share of the burden of
16 funding research and raising public awareness to support the search for treatments.

17 NOW, THEREFORE:

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware that the Senate
19 promotes the awareness of the rare disease hypophosphatemic rickets.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Resolution promotes awareness of the rare disease hypophosphatemic rickets.

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