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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 75

RECOGNIZING JUNE 13, 2018, AS "NATIONAL TIME OUT DAY" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, since 2004, National Time Out Day has been celebrated in hospitals and ambulatory centers around  
2 the United States, to bring awareness to practices that can reduce surgical error and improve patient outcomes; and

3 WHEREAS, The Joint Commission is the United States' oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body  
4 in health care and has established a Universal Protocol to prevent instances of wrong site, wrong procedure; and

5 WHEREAS, the Universal Protocol requires conducting a pre-procedure verification process, marking the  
6 procedure site, and performing a pre-procedure time out; and

7 WHEREAS, the pre-procedure time out includes all relevant members of the procedure team actively  
8 communicating during the time out to confirm, at a minimum, the patient's identity, the site of the procedure, and the  
9 procedure to be done; and

10 WHEREAS, despite the Universal Protocols, The Joint Commission estimates that wrong site surgeries occur up  
11 to 40 times per week; and

12 WHEREAS, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, the recognized leader in patient safety in the  
13 operating room, has designated the third Wednesday of June each year to promote patient safety and optimal outcomes in  
14 the operating room.

15 NOW, THEREFORE:

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of  
17 Representatives concurring therein, that June 13, 2018, is recognized as "National Time Out Day" in Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes June 13, 2018, as "National Time Out Day" in Delaware.

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