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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2019 AS "HEALTHY VISION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, during Healthy Vision Month, the National Eye Institute (NEI) reminds individuals to prioritize eye  
2 health and protect their sight; and

3 WHEREAS, vision impairment and eye disease costs the United States \$68 billion annually in direct healthcare  
4 costs, lost productivity, and diminished quality of life; and

5 WHEREAS, there are over 250,000 reported problems for Delawareans over the age of forty; and

6 WHEREAS, as of 2015, there were 219,543 girls and 235,919 boys under the age of eighteen that have vision  
7 difficulty in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, children's vision screening are recommended at birth; and

9 WHEREAS, only an approximate forty percent of children age five years and younger receive vision screenings;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, parents, teachers, and caregivers should monitor children carefully and make an appointment with an  
12 eye physician at the first signs of vision problems; and

13 WHEREAS, regular dilated eye exams can detect eye disease and vision problems in the early stages when they  
14 are easiest to treat; and

15 WHEREAS, children from families with lower incomes and children who lack health insurance are more likely to  
16 go without needed eyeglasses; and

17 WHEREAS, children with poor vision can have difficulty participating in class, suffer from low self-esteem, and  
18 receive low grades; and

19 WHEREAS, research has documented that receiving glasses increases students' math and reading grades; and

20 WHEREAS, vision is 80% of our sensory connection to the world.

21 NOW, THEREFORE:

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 150th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House concurring  
23 therein, that May 2019 is recognized as "Healthy Vision Month" in the State of Delaware and all citizens of Delaware are  
24 urged to recognize this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all citizens of Delaware are urged to receive periodic eye examinations.

#### SYNOPSIS

This concurrent resolution recognizes the month of May 2019 as "Healthy Vision Month" in the State of Delaware.

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