



SPONSOR: Rep. Briggs King on behalf of all Representatives

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

RECOGNIZING SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017 AS FATHER'S DAY IN DELAWARE AND COMMENDING ALL FATHERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN THEIR CHILDREN'S LIVES.

1 WHEREAS, Father's Day is celebrated across the United States on the third Sunday in June; and

2 WHEREAS, the idea of Father's Day was first proposed by Sonora Smart Dodd to honor her own father, a widower  
3 and Civil War veteran who raised six children by himself on a farm in Washington State; and

4 WHEREAS, President Calvin Coolidge, in 1924, supported the idea of a National Father's Day; and

5 WHEREAS, President Lyndon Johnson signed a Presidential proclamation in 1966 declaring the 3rd Sunday of June  
6 as Father's Day; and

7 WHEREAS, Father's Day is a day set aside to recognize the important contributions fathers make to the lives of their  
8 children by instilling confidence, teaching skills, encouraging interests, and providing love and protection; and

9 WHEREAS, Sigmund Freud was quoted as saying "I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a  
10 father's protection"; and

11 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of the House of Representatives of the 149th General Assembly honor  
12 the State's fathers – be they natural fathers, adoptive fathers, or individuals who have fulfilled the role of father – for their  
13 crucial participation in the lives of our State's children.

14 NOW, THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 149th General Assembly of the  
15 State of Delaware, that Sunday, June 18th is recognized as Father's Day in the State of Delaware, and on that date fathers  
16 who have been involved in many significant ways in the lives of their children shall be honored for those efforts.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on Father's Day all citizens of the State are encouraged to reflect upon and  
18 express appreciation for the many contributions made by their own fathers

SYNOPSIS

This resolution recognizes June 18th, 2017 as Father's Day in Delaware.