



SPONSOR: Rep. Phillips & Sen. Sturgeon

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 118

DESIGNATING APRIL 22ND TO THE 26TH, 2024 AS “NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, National Environmental Education Week is the nation’s largest celebration of environmental
2 education; and

3 WHEREAS, during National Environmental Education Week educators, students, government agencies,
4 businesses, communities, and nonprofits collaborate to inspire environmental learning and encourage good stewardship of
5 our essential resources of land, air, and water; and

6 WHEREAS, the field of environmental education raises awareness of the issues impacting the environment on
7 which we all depend, as well as actions we can take to conserve, protect, sustain, and improve it; and

8 WHEREAS, environmental education offers countless job and volunteer opportunities to engage with individuals
9 and communities to prepare and educate all Americans to address critical environmental challenges of the future; and

10 WHEREAS, environmental organizations in the State of Delaware such as the Delaware Nature Society, Delaware
11 Center for Inland Bays, the Delaware Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Delaware Audubon Society, and Delaware Invasive
12 Species Council among many other organizations in Delaware play critical roles in educating Delawareans of all ages on
13 environmental issues in Delaware; and

14 WHEREAS, the Delaware Nature Society offers numerous environmental education programming for primarily
15 students of all ages through their various nature education centers throughout Delaware such as Ashland Nature Center and
16 the DuPont Environmental Education Center, in school programming, summer camps, and field trip experiences connecting
17 students to the beauty and importance of Delaware’s ecosystems; and

18 WHEREAS, the mission and goal of the Delaware Association for Environmental Education (DAEE) promotes
19 environmental education and meaningful outdoor experiences to create positive community impacts that lead to the
20 conservation and sustainability of Delaware's natural resources by connecting all Delawareans to nature and outdoor
21 experiences; and

22 WHEREAS, the Delaware Association for Environmental Education (DAEE) provides educational resources for
23 administrators, educators, and citizens on how and where to introduce students of all ages to environmental education and
24 life-changing outdoor experiences that will connect them to nature and instill the importance of conservation; and

25 WHEREAS, in 2015 Governor Jack Markell and the Delaware Children in Nature partnership (composed of the
26 Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, the Delaware Department of Education, and environmental
27 organization) released the Environmental Literacy Plan which defines the need for an environmentally literate community
28 in Delaware, aims to get students and all Delawareans outside for meaningful environmental experiences, and establishes
29 environmental literacy goals at home, work, and school for students and all Delawareans to learn and care about
30 conservation, natural resources, ecosystems, and other environmental topics and issues in Delaware and around the world;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, the Delaware General Assembly should take the steps to further enhance, promote, and work with
33 environmental partners to promote environmental education to students and all Delawareans across the state to encourage a
34 love of the outdoors and for all Delawareans to become environmental stewards.

35 NOW, THEREFORE:

36 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
37 Senate concurring therein, that the legislature proclaims April 22nd to 26th, as “National Environmental Education Week” in
38 the State of Delaware, and urges all Delawareans to take part in environmental education efforts all year long to understand
39 how to conserve, protect, and sustain our important ecosystems around Delaware and the world.

SYNOPSIS

This concurrent resolution designates the week of April 22nd to the 26th as “National Environmental Education Week” in the State of Delaware.