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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 86

RECOGNIZING MAY 22, 2022, AS WORLD PREECLAMPSIA DAY.

1 WHEREAS, preeclampsia is a serious disease related to high blood pressure that can strike quickly and happen to
2 any pregnant woman during the second half of her pregnancy or up to six weeks after delivery; finding preeclampsia early
3 is important for both mothers and their babies; and

4 WHEREAS, preeclampsia and other hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (HDPs) are the leading cause of
5 maternal and infant death worldwide; approximately 76,000 maternal and 500,000 infant deaths occur every year as a result
6 of HDPs; and

7 WHEREAS, hypertensive disorders of pregnancy are also a leading cause of maternal and infant illness;
8 preeclampsia is a common cause of caregiver-initiated preterm delivery and accounts for approximately 20 percent of all
9 intensive care unit admissions of newborn babies; and

10 WHEREAS, for mothers, hypertensive disorders of pregnancy can cause complications with long-lasting
11 consequences, such as stroke; hypertensive disorders of pregnancy are strongly associated with a heightened risk of future
12 cardiovascular disease, the leading non-communicable disease (NCD) worldwide; and

13 WHEREAS, too many lives are taken or seriously affected by hypertensive disorders of pregnancy, which is
14 especially true in countries where access to care is limited; with no known cause, the need for basic and clinical research to
15 advance our medical understanding and healthcare practices must be prioritized.

16 NOW, THEREFORE:

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
18 Senate concurring therein, that we recognize World Preeclampsia Day on May 22, 2022.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support World Preeclampsia Day and its initiative to raise awareness of
20 preeclampsia and its global impact on the lives of mothers, babies, and families.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support all efforts that call upon governments and health systems to
22 recognize the importance of detecting and diagnosing risk factors and preventing and treating hypertensive pregnancy

23 disorders, that encourage additional research funding into preeclampsia and related disorders, that prioritize patient and
24 community education and treatment for these disorders, that prioritize education, training, and access to medical resources
25 for healthcare providers, that address prevention through a better understanding of the causes, and that encourage
26 collaboration and partnerships between public and private sector organizations to support and advance these goals.

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution recognizes World Preeclampsia Day on May 22, 2022.