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DELAWARE STATE SENATE 151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 109

RECOGNIZING MAY 2022 AS "FOSTER CARE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Delaware recognizes that foster parents provide a valuable and important support system 2 to some of Delaware's most vulnerable children and their families; and 3 WHEREAS, foster families are an integral part of the professional team to protect and nurture children, and to 4 strengthen families; and 5 WHEREAS, foster parents generously devote their homes, their time, and their families to give to children 6 experiencing foster care love, support, and guidance to support their emotional, educational, and social growth; and 7 WHEREAS, in 2021 there were approximately 400 foster homes in Delaware providing a stable, safe place for a 8 child in need: and 9 WHEREAS, there are currently 515 children who either live away from their homes or are experiencing foster 10 care; and 11 WHEREAS, children experiencing foster care are resilient and worthy of a life full of hopes and dreams; and 12 WHEREAS, foster parents require national, state, and community support to effectively care for children and 13 youth who have experienced the trauma of abuse, neglect, or dependency; and 14 WHEREAS, the month of May provides an annual opportunity to highlight our foster families for their dedication, 15 raise awareness of foster care, and empower youth and foster families to engage on this topic. 16 NOW, THEREFORE: 17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of 18 Representatives concurring therein, that the General Assembly hereby recognizes May 2022 as Foster Care Month in the 19 State of Delaware. 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Delawareans are encouraged to join us in commending foster families and 21 children in care throughout the First State, this month, and throughout the year.

SYNOPSIS

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