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behalf of all Representatives

DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 114

RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF JUNE 6 AS DELAWARE ARTS AND CULTURE WEEK.

1 WHEREAS, the nonprofit and commercial arts and culture sector contributes \$1 billion to Delaware's economy,
2 representing 1.5% of the state's GDP; and

3 WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts and culture sector alone contributes \$149.9 million in total economic activity,
4 generating \$10.5 million in local and state government revenue; and

5 WHEREAS, 90% of Americans believe that students should receive arts education from preschool through high
6 school; and

7 WHEREAS, students with an education rich in the arts have higher GPAs, standardized test scores and graduation
8 rates; and

9 WHEREAS, these benefits are reaped by students regardless of socioeconomic status; and

10 WHEREAS, nearly half of the nation's healthcare institutions provide arts programming for patients, families, and
11 staff; and

12 WHEREAS, the arts have played a strong role in promoting health, leading to better care, cost savings, and an
13 improved quality of life; and

14 WHEREAS, in Delaware, commercial and nonprofit arts and culture organizations employ 9,124 people and
15 generate \$492.3 million in compensation; and

16 WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts and culture sector alone represents 4,062 full-time jobs, making the arts one of the
17 top 10 industries in the state; and

18 WHEREAS, arts and culture provide inspiration and joy to residents, beautify public spaces, and strengthen the
19 social fabric of our communities; and

20 WHEREAS, arts and culture can help meet public safety goals by improving neighborhood livability and reducing
21 violence and criminal activity; and

22 WHEREAS, arts participation correlates with lower rates of juvenile delinquency and truancy, and cultural
23 resources are linked to better health, schooling, and security.

24 WHEREAS, arts also help maintain racial and economic diversity and lower rates of racial harassment; and

25 WHEREAS, each of the art disciplines can carry forward a civilization's history, teach lessons, and celebrate our
26 individual and collective heritage.

27 NOW, THEREFORE:

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
29 Representatives concurring therein, that the General Assembly recognizes and designates the week of June 6, as "Arts and
30 Culture Week" to focus on the importance of quality early learning of Arts and Culture for education, development,
31 funding, and for the research of Delaware's Arts and Culture impact in communities, future workforce, and economy.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Arts and Culture week is a week to celebrate the contributions of the Arts and
33 Culture to the State of Delaware.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of
35 Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes the week of June 6 as Arts and Culture Week in Delaware.

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