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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 125

PROCLAIMING THE DAY OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022 AS “NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, first responders include professional and volunteer fire, police, emergency medical technician, and
2 paramedic workers in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, first responders deserve to be recognized for their commitment to safety, defense, and honor; and

4 WHEREAS, according to the Department of Homeland Security, an estimated 4.6 million career and volunteer
5 firefighters, police, emergency medical technicians, and paramedic workers serve communities all across the United States;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Congress made October 28th National First Responders Day in 2017, though the first bipartisan
8 resolution passed through the senate in 2019; and

9 WHEREAS, we should be thanking our firefighters, paramedics and EMTs every day but October 28th offers a
10 unique opportunity to show our appreciation; and

11 WHEREAS, many first responders lost their lives as a result of the pandemic, EMT’s and paramedics were often
12 first on the scene and exposed to unique situations that increase their likelihood of contraction; and

13 WHEREAS, outside of the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters caused destruction across the U.S., requiring
14 firefighters and other first responders to show up in unprecedented force; and

15 WHEREAS, these heroic men and women are the first ones on the scene of natural disasters, tragedies and
16 accidents, thereby devoting their lives to making the world a better and safer place; and

17 WHEREAS, during times of national crisis, first responders have consistently been a source of aid, hope, and
18 comfort for all Americans; and

19 WHEREAS, our first responders save countless lives every day, and many tragically pay the ultimate price in the
20 line of duty — a sacrifice we should never forget; and

21 WHEREAS, National First Responders Day is our opportunity to show gratitude and to recognize the
22 professionals who play an important role in ensuring the safety of every American.

23 NOW, THEREFORE:

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
25 Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature affirms the importance of first responders, and hereby designates
26 Friday, October 28, 2022, as “National First Responders Day” in the State of Delaware.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature shows gratitude and recognizes the professionals’ known as
28 first responders who play an important role in ensuring the safety of every American.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature shows it gratitude to first responders because they have
30 consistently been a source of aid, hope, and comfort for all Americans during crisis.

SYNOPSIS

This concurrent resolution proclaims Friday, October 28, 2022 as “National First Responders Day” in the State of Delaware.

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