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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

CELEBRATING DEMEC DAY AND RECOGNIZING THE DELAWARE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC CORPORATION
AND THE COMMUNITY-OWNED NOT FOR PROFIT ELECTRIC UTILITIES THROUGHOUT DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, DEMEC Day is celebrated every April to recognize the value of public power and advancements
2 made by Delaware's not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities to benefit their residential and business customers;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, eight cities and towns throughout Delaware (New Castle, Newark, Middletown, Smyrna, Clayton,
5 Milford, Seaford, and Lewes), in partnership with DEMEC, are engaged in supplying reliable and environmentally
6 responsible electric service, most of them serving their respective communities for over 100 years; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1978, the Delaware General Assembly enacted legislation authorizing Delaware's public power
8 communities to form a joint action agency to act as a wholesale electric provider for their collective benefit as a political
9 subdivision of the state; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1979, the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation ("DEMEC") was incorporated as a not-for-
11 profit extension of the member communities it serves; and

12 WHEREAS, public power is built on local decision-making, with customers having a direct say in utility operations
13 and policies as owners of their community electric utility; and

14 WHEREAS, DEMEC members provide homes, businesses, farms, social service buildings, government agencies,
15 and emergency services with nationally recognized, reliable power; and

16 WHEREAS, DEMEC and its members are valuable community assets that contribute to the quality of life for
17 residents and businesses through aggregated energy savings programs, local customer service, reduced carbon emissions,
18 economic development, and other community projects; and

19 WHEREAS, DEMEC's mission is to deliver excellence in competitive, reliable, sustainable power supply and
20 innovative services to advance the benefits of community-owned utilities; and

21 WHEREAS, DEMEC has been at the forefront of renewable energy in Delaware, installing over 28.7 megawatts
22 (MW) of in-state solar generation through utility solar facilities in Dover, Milford, Newark, and Smyrna and community
23 solar projects in Seaford, Clayton, and New Castle; and

24 WHEREAS, DEMEC purchases power and all renewable energy credits (REC) from the 69 MW Laurel Hill
25 Wind Farm, and RECs from the 2 MW wind turbine at the University of Delaware Lewes campus, funding UD Graduate
26 Fellowships for Wind Energy Research; and

27 WHEREAS, in four years, DEMEC's Energy Efficiency Program has assisted customers with measured and verified
28 projects expected to save customers \$18.4 million and 160,870 MWh over the projects' lifetime, equal to 22,183 homes' electric
29 use for one year; and

30 WHEREAS, DEMEC has reduced its carbon footprint by over 50% since 2005, providing its member
31 communities with energy that is over 90% low to no emissions.

32 NOW, THEREFORE:

33 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly, the Senate concurring
34 therein, recognizes the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation and community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities
35 throughout Delaware for their dedication to serving their communities with energy saving programs and carbon reduction
36 projects.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in honor of DEMEC's upcoming 44th anniversary and over 100 years of
38 reliable and safe electric service from Delaware's local public power utilities, April 5, 2023, is hereby proclaimed as
39 DEMEC Day.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation and community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities throughout Delaware for their dedication to serving their communities with energy saving programs and carbon reduction projects. This Resolution also celebrates DEMEC's upcoming 44th anniversary and over 100 years of reliable and safe electric service from Delaware's local public power utilities by proclaiming April 5, 2023, as DEMEC Day.