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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

RECOGNIZING CHRISTIAN HOLY WEEK AND PASSOVER IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, this April, Christians and Jews recognize the religious observances of Holy Week and Passover,  
2 respectively; and

3 WHEREAS, churches around the world, including Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Catholic, Presbyterian, Anglican,  
4 and other denominations observe various services during the week preceding Easter to remember and celebrate the events  
5 they believe preceded Jesus' betrayal, arrest, trial, death, and resurrection known as "Holy Week"; and

6 WHEREAS, the Eastern Orthodox Church will celebrate Holy Week beginning April 8 with Easter Sunday, or  
7 "Pascha," celebrated on April 16, 2023; and

8 WHEREAS, in Western Christianity, Holy Week will be celebrated from April 2 to April 8, beginning with Palm  
9 Sunday, or Passion Sunday; and

10 WHEREAS, during Holy Week, Christians remember the sacrifice they believe Jesus made for all people; and

11 WHEREAS, Passover, also called Pesach, is one of the most sacred and widely observed Jewish holidays; and

12 WHEREAS, Passover will be celebrated by Jews around the world from April 5 to April 13, 2023; and

13 WHEREAS, during Passover, Jews commemorate the Israelites' exodus from Egypt and freedom from slavery  
14 during the reign of the Pharaoh Ramses II; and

15 WHEREAS, on the first two nights of Passover, families and friends gather for a feast known as a Seder and read  
16 stories from the Haggadah, a Jewish text that recounts the story of Passover; and

17 WHEREAS, Jews who observe Passover abstain from eating leavened food products, known as chametz, and  
18 instead, consume a type of flatbread called matzo; and

19 WHEREAS, for Jewish people, Passover is a celebration of freedom and the remembrance of Jewish history; and

20 WHEREAS, both Passover and Christian Holy Week are recognized and observed by Delawareans across the  
21 state; and

22 WHEREAS, as Holy Week and Passover are observed, we must remember the critical importance of the respect  
23 that is to be accorded to all faiths and beliefs as reflected in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, which  
24 forbids the making of any “law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise of religion.”

25 NOW, THEREFORE:

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of  
27 Representatives concurring therein, that the members of the General Assembly hereby recognize the religious observances  
28 of Holy Week and Passover in the State of Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes Christian Holy Week and Passover in the State of Delaware.

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