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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2023 AS "HEALTHY VISION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, during Healthy Vision Month, the National Eye Institute (NEI) reminds individuals to prioritize eye  
2 health and protect their sight; and

3 WHEREAS, vision impairment and eye disease cost the United States \$68 billion annually in direct medical costs,  
4 lost productivity, and other direct costs; and

5 WHEREAS, according to the American Foundation for the Blind, as of 2019, vision impairment affects 18,291  
6 adults and 1,605 children under the age of 18 in Delaware; and

7 WHEREAS, children's vision screening is recommended at birth; and

8 WHEREAS, according to the CDC, just 1 out of every 7 preschoolers receive an eye exam, and fewer than 1 out  
9 of every 4 receives some type of vision screening; and

10 WHEREAS, parents, teachers, and caregivers should monitor children carefully and make an appointment with an  
11 eye physician at the first signs of vision problems; and

12 WHEREAS, serious vision issues disproportionately affect people of color, with glaucoma (after cataracts) being  
13 the second leading cause of blindness in African Americans, and the glaucoma-related blindness rate for African Americans  
14 being six times what it is for others, and half of African-Americans with glaucoma not realizing they have it; and

15 WHEREAS, regular dilated eye exams can detect eye disease and vision problems in the early stages when they  
16 are easiest to treat; and

17 WHEREAS, children from families with lower incomes and children who lack health insurance are more likely to  
18 go without needed eyeglasses; and

19 WHEREAS, children with poor vision can have difficulty participating in class, suffer from low self-esteem, and  
20 receive low grades; and

21 WHEREAS, research has documented eye glasses for school students help improve academic achievement.

22 NOW, THEREFORE:

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House concurring  
24 therein, that May 2023 is recognized as “Healthy Vision Month” in the State of Delaware and all citizens of Delaware are  
25 urged to recognize this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all citizens of Delaware are urged to receive periodic eye examinations.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes the month of May 2023 as "Healthy Vision Month" in the State of Delaware.

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