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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48

RECOGNIZING MAY 2023 AS "OLDER AMERICANS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, every May, the Administration for Community Living leads the nation's observance of Older
2 Americans Month; and

3 WHEREAS, 19 percent of the State of Delaware's population is age 65 and older and the population of older
4 individuals is steadily increasing; and

5 WHEREAS, by 2050, every county in our State is projected to have a population with at least 40 percent of its
6 residents over the age of 50, with more than 20 percent of those individuals being age 65 and older; and

7 WHEREAS, older individuals contribute their strength, wisdom, and experience to our community in many ways;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are welcomed, included, and
10 supported; and

11 WHEREAS, the focus of this year's Older Americans Month is "Aging Unbound", which offers an opportunity to
12 explore diverse aging experiences and discuss how communities can combat stereotypes; and

13 WHEREAS, research indicates older individuals generally prefer to remain in in their own homes as they age, and
14 that remaining at home and in within the community is associated with better health outcomes, and higher levels of life
15 satisfaction and self-esteem; and

16 WHEREAS, there is a need to create a community that provides the services and supports that older Americans
17 need to thrive and live independently for as long as possible; and

18 WHEREAS, a better community for our older residents can be built by planning programs that encourage
19 independence, ensuring activities are responsive to individual needs and preferences, and increasing access to services that
20 support aging in place; and

21 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has taken steps toward building a better community for our older Delawareans,
22 including by establishing the Aging-in-Place Working Group, which released its final report on April 29, 2022 about its

23 investigation of the State's current home- and community-based service infrastructure and recommendations to achieve
24 successful aging-in-place; and

25 WHEREAS, older Americans contribute to our community and celebration of Older Americans Month honors
26 these contributions.

27 NOW, THEREFORE:

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
29 Representatives concurring therein, that May 2023 is hereby recognized as "Older Americans Month" in the State of
30 Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes May 2023 as "Older Americans Month" in the State of Delaware.