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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS AND JUNE 12-18, 2023, AS
"COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT WEEK" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, we recognize Community Health Improvement Week in Delaware; and

2 WHEREAS, Community Health Improvement Week is an annual celebration recognized by the American
3 Hospital Association to honor people working to improve the holistic wellness of people and communities nationwide; and

4 WHEREAS, social drivers of health are defined as “the conditions in the environment where people are born, live,
5 work, play, worship, and age” and have a wide-reaching impact on health and health outcomes; and

6 WHEREAS, community health workers attend to the full spectrum of needs patients face as a result of the social
7 drivers of health that they face; and

8 WHEREAS, community health workers are key members of the caregiver team for a patient and trusted members
9 of the communities that they serve; and

10 WHEREAS, community health workers are working with individuals and families across the state of Delaware to
11 identify and address the social drivers of health, including access to healthcare services, such as primary care, women’s
12 health, and behavioral health services; and

13 WHEREAS, the work identifying and addressing the social drivers of health is happening in clinical and in
14 community-based settings, from Claymont to Delmar; and

15 WHEREAS, the community health model is effective in addressing the social drivers of health, with the benefits
16 of increased patient engagement and reduced hospital stays; and

17 WHEREAS, studies conducted by the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Community Health Workers have
18 found that this work leads to a return of \$2.47 for every \$1 spent.

19 NOW, THEREFORE:

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
21 Representatives concurring therein, that the week of June 12 through 18, 2023, is recognized as “Community Health
22 Improvement Week” in the State of Delaware.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that community health workers are recognized for the positive health outcomes
24 that result from their critical and valuable work as trusted members of the communities that they serve.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes the importance of community health workers as well as "Community Health Improvement Week" in the State of Delaware.

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