



SPONSOR: Rep. Ramone on behalf of all Representatives

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF SWIMMING SAFETY AND AWARENESS IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE

1 WHEREAS, swimming is a popular recreational activity in the State of Delaware that contributes to the physical
2 well-being and social relationships of many Delawareans; and

3 WHEREAS, the State of Delaware recognizes outdoor water activities, including swimming in pools, lakes, and
4 oceans, which foster a sense of community, improve physical health, and build lifelong friendships; and

5 WHEREAS, despite these benefits, swimming in open and deep water can pose significant risks to individuals
6 who are not adequately prepared or trained; and

7 WHEREAS, every year in the United States there are an estimated 4,000 fatal unintentional drownings—that is an
8 average of 11 drowning deaths per day and 8,000 nonfatal drownings—that is an average of 22 nonfatal drownings per day;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the State of Delaware acknowledges that it is paramount for individuals to learn about the potential
11 dangers of swimming and to take preventative measures to ensure their safety and the safety of others; and

12 WHEREAS, the State of Delaware encourages all its residents, regardless of age, to take swimming lessons from
13 certified instructors as a proactive step in preventing water-related accidents; and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Delaware recognizes the importance of educating its residents about swimming safety,
15 including understanding water conditions, learning rescue techniques, and recognizing signs of distress in swimmers; and

16 WHEREAS, the State of Delaware is committed to promoting a safe and enjoyable swimming environment for all
17 its residents.

18 NOW, THEREFORE:

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware that
20 we hereby recognize the importance of swimming safety and the benefits of water activities, and we encourage all
21 Delaware residents to take swimming lessons, learn about potential swimming risks, and follow safety guidelines when
22 participating in water activities.

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution recognizes the importance of swimming safety and encourages Delaware residents to take swimming lessons, learn about swimming risks, and ensure their safety when participating in water activities. It also acknowledges the benefits of swimming and other water activities, including fostering of community and the building of lifelong friendships.