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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 128

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

1 WHEREAS, Christians and Jews recognize the religious observances of Holy Week and Passover, respectively;
2 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 the scriptures say 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 28 with Easter Sunday, or
7 "Pascha," celebrated on May 5, 2024; and

8 WHEREAS, in Western Christianity, Holy Week will be celebrated from March 24 to March 30, beginning with
9 Palm Sunday, or Passion Sunday; and

10 WHEREAS, during Holy Week, Christians remember the sacrifice the scriptures say Jesus made for all people;
11 and

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

13 WHEREAS, Passover will be celebrated by Jews around the world from April 22 to April 30, 2024; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE:

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
28 Representatives concurring therein, that the members of the General Assembly hereby recognize the religious observances
29 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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