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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 178

DESIGNATING OCTOBER 21-27, 2024, AS "FREE SPEECH WEEK" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, our Founding Fathers created and adopted the United States Constitution in 1787, thereby setting
2 forth the supreme law of the United States of America; and

3 WHEREAS, the first ten amendments to the Constitution, written by James Madison to guarantee individual
4 freedoms, were ratified in 1791 and became known collectively as the Bill of Rights; and

5 WHEREAS, the First Amendment states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or
6 prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people
7 peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances"; and

8 WHEREAS, freedom of speech is a right guaranteed to all Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, Free Speech Week, a national, annual, non-partisan, commemorative event, takes place during the
10 third full week of October to raise awareness of the importance of free speech and a free press in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Free Speech Week is designed to be an inclusive celebration for all Americans, and as such, a wide
12 variety of organizations, schools and individuals across the country will conduct activities and events devoted to free
13 speech topics to mark the week; and

14 WHEREAS, Free Speech Week is also an opportunity to share information with the public and the media as a way
15 of furthering the vision of our Founding Fathers; and

16 WHEREAS, Benjamin Franklin in 1722 wrote, "Whoever would overthrow the Liberty of a Nation, must begin by
17 subduing the Freeness of Speech"; and

18 WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson in 1786 wrote, "Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot
19 be limited without being lost."

20 NOW, THEREFORE:

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
22 Representatives concurring therein, that October 21-27, 2024, be designated as "Free Speech Week" in the State of
23 Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution designates October 21-27, 2024, as "Free Speech Week" in the State of Delaware.

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