



SPONSOR: Sen. McBride on behalf of all Senators & Rep. Keeley on behalf of all Representatives

DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

COMMENDING THE DELAWARE STATE DENTAL SOCIETY ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ITS 14TH ANNUAL GIVE KIDS A SMILE PROGRAM RECOGNIZING ITS CONTINUING EFFORTS.

1 WHEREAS, on Saturday, February 11, 2017, the Delaware State Dental Society (DSDS) held its 14th annual Give  
2 Kids a Smile Program; and

3 WHEREAS, the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Give Kids a Smile Program was considered a rousing success by its organizers,  
4 having served 78 children in Delaware and involved over 44 volunteers and 6 organizations in 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, 19 dentists, 23 hygienists, 14 technicians, 2 auxiliary staff, and 25 Del Tech students volunteered in  
6 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, through the Give Kids a Smile Program, the DSDS was able to provide \$32,000 in free dentistry  
8 services to Delaware's children in 2017; and

9 WHEREAS, Patterson Dental and DENTSPLY has donated \$8,600 in equipment and supplies; and

10 WHEREAS, the DSDS has served over 1,378 children through the Give Kids a Smile Program and involved over  
11 1,000 dentists, hygienists, technicians, auxiliary staff, and Del Tech students as volunteers to make a difference in  
12 Delaware's oral healthcare; and

13 WHEREAS, with the support of the ADA Foundation's Give Kids a Smile program, launched nationally by the  
14 American Dental Association in 2003, more than 5 million underserved children have received free oral health services  
15 over the last 13 years. These free services are provided by approximately 10,000 dentists annually, along with 30,000 other  
16 dental team members. This year in Milford, Delaware, Dr. Norman "Sam" Steward's office of the Delaware State Dental  
17 Society, coordinated with Chairperson, Dr. Douglas Ditty, another successful event; and

18 WHEREAS, children and their parents were educated that oral disease is preventable and all were provided with  
19 literature so that families could establish a dental home; and

20 WHEREAS, the General Assembly supports the DSDS in its efforts to help Delaware's children.

21 NOW, THEREFORE:

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of  
23 Representatives concurring therein, that the Delaware State Dental Society is commended for the achievements of the 14th

24 Annual Give Kids a Smile Program and the Senate and House of Representatives wish them continuing success in their  
25 15th Annual Program scheduled for February 2018.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be prepared by the Secretary of the Senate  
27 and presented to the Delaware State Dental Society upon its passage.

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution commends the Delaware State Dental Society on the success of its 14th Annual Give Kids a Smile Program and recognizes its continuing efforts to improve the dental health of Delaware's children.

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