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## DELAWARE STATE SENATE 149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2017 AS LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, Delaware has a committed history of being at the forefront of supporting equality for all of its 2 citizens; and 3 WHEREAS, in recent years, tremendous advancements have been made with respect to equitable treatment of 4 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning ("LGBTQ") people, both in Delaware and throughout the nation; and 5 WHEREAS, despite these advances, LGBTQ people continue to face discrimination and LGBTQ youth continue 6 to be at increased risk for bullying, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, and suicide; and 7 WHEREAS, the month of June has become a symbolic month in which LGBTO people and their allies have come 8 together in various celebrations of pride; and 9 WHEREAS, recognizing Pride Month will help to foster within the community an atmosphere of inclusion, 10 acceptance, and celebration; and 11 WHEREAS, LGBTQ individuals, along with their families, friends, and neighbors, will honor Pride Month in 12 cities and towns across the State and country; and 13 WHEREAS, the month-long celebration is an opportunity for all Delawareans to affirm their commitment to 14 mutual respect and understanding. 15 NOW, THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of 16 17 Representatives concurring therein, that the members recognize June 2017 as LGBTQ Pride Month in the State of

## **SYNOPSIS**

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes June 2017 as LGBTQ Pride Month in the State of Delaware.

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