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## DELAWARE STATE SENATE 149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

## RECOGNIZING JUNE 2018 AS NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH IN STATE OF DELAWARE.

| 1  | WHEREAS, scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine that affects about 2% to 3% of the population, or an              |
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| 2  | estimated 7 million people, in the United States, and strikes without regard to gender, race, age, or economic status; and |
| 3  | WHEREAS, it is important to increase the public's awareness of scoliosis and help children, parents, adults, and           |
| 4  | health care providers understand, recognize, and treat the complexities of spinal deformities such as scoliosis; and       |
| 5  | WHEREAS, an estimated 1 million scoliosis patients annually use health care, and 1 in 6 children diagnosed with            |
| 6  | the condition eventually requires active medical treatment; and  |
| 7  | WHEREAS, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between the ages of 10 and 15 years, with females being 5               |
| 8  | times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and  |
| 9  | WHEREAS, screening programs allow for early detection and treatment opportunities that may alleviate the worst             |
| 10 | effects of the condition; and  |
| 11 | WHEREAS, respected organizations such as the Scoliosis Research Society; the National Scoliosis Foundation;                |
| 12 | the Delaware Academy of Medicine; and the Spine and Scoliosis Center, Nemours, Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children      |
| 13 | promote National Scoliosis Awareness Month; and  |
| 14 | WHEREAS, National Scoliosis Awareness Month is observed across the country to renew the public's                           |
| 15 | commitment to understand and combat this disease, and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce   |
| 16 | the pain and suffering it causes.  |
| 17 | NOW, THEREFORE:  |
| 18 | BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of                          |
| 19 | Representatives concurring therein, that June 2018 is recognized as National Scoliosis Awareness Month in the State of     |
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20 Delaware.

## **SYNOPSIS**

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes June 2018 as National Scoliosis Awareness Month in the State of Delaware.

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