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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46

RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF JUNE 3-9, 2019 AS "HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, Hidradenitis Suppurativa is a chronic and non-contagious skin disease that appears as boil-like red
2 abscesses that appear in gland-bearing areas; and

3 WHEREAS, these abscesses can also appear at the nape of the neck, around the waist, on the inner thighs, the
4 front and back of the legs, the back, and the face; and

5 WHEREAS, individuals with Hidradenitis Suppurativa can experience scarring, chronic pain, and odorous
6 discharge from these abscesses; and

7 WHEREAS, Hidradenitis Suppurativa can be hard to diagnose, with 62% of patients having to visit seven or more
8 physicians before diagnosis; and

9 WHEREAS, the average time for a diagnosis for a patient is around 9 years; and

10 WHEREAS, misdiagnosis is common with 8 of 10 individuals has a misdiagnosis for Hidradenitis Suppurative,
11 often being confused with skin infections, in-grown hairs, and spider bites; and

12 WHEREAS, Hidradenitis Suppurativa can have major impacts on quality of life with 65% of patients reporting
13 depression, 70% having a low awareness of their disease and how to manage it, and 63% hiding their symptoms; and

14 WHEREAS, Hidradenitis Suppurativa can occur at any age, but it is less likely to start before puberty or after
15 menopause; and

16 WHEREAS, women are three times more likely to get Hidradenitis Suppurativa and it has been found that a third
17 of people who are diagnosed with this disease have a family member who also has it; and

18 WHEREAS, Hidradenitis Suppurativa affects approximately 1% of the population; and

19 WHEREAS, there is currently no cure for Hidradenitis Suppurativa; and

20 WHEREAS, Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week is a global event where those with the condition can come
21 together to raise awareness.

22 NOW, THEREFORE:

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 150th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
24 Representatives concurring therein, that the week of June 3-9, 2019 be recognized as Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness
25 Week in the State of Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes the week of June 3-9, 2019 as "Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week" in the State of Delaware.

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