



SPONSOR: Sen. Lawson on behalf of all Senators & Rep. Carson on
behalf of all Representatives

DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2021 AS "HEALTHY VISION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, during Healthy Vision Month, the National Eye Institute (NEI) reminds individuals to prioritize eye
2 health and protect their sight; and

3 WHEREAS, vision impairment and eye disease cost the United States \$68 billion annually in direct healthcare
4 costs, lost productivity, and diminished quality of life; and

5 WHEREAS, there are over 250,000 reported problems for Delawareans over the age of forty; and

6 WHEREAS, as of 2015, there were 219,543 girls and 235,919 boys under the age of eighteen that have vision
7 difficulty in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, children's vision screening is recommended at birth; and

9 WHEREAS, nearly forty percent of children in the preschool age group have never had a vision screening; and

10 WHEREAS, parents, teachers, and caregivers should monitor children carefully and make an appointment with an
11 eye physician at the first signs of vision problems; and

12 WHEREAS, serious vision issues disproportionately affect people of color, with glaucoma (after cataracts) as the
13 second leading cause of blindness in African-Americans, and the glaucoma-related blindness rate for African-Americans
14 being six times what it is for others, and half of African-Americans with glaucoma not realizing they have it; and

15 WHEREAS, regular dilated eye exams can detect eye disease and vision problems in the early stages when they
16 are easiest to treat; and

17 WHEREAS, children from families with lower incomes and children who lack health insurance are more likely to
18 go without needed eyeglasses; and

19 WHEREAS, children with poor vision can have difficulty participating in class, suffer from low self-esteem, and
20 receive low grades; and

21 WHEREAS, research has documented that receiving glasses increases students' math and reading grades; and

22 WHEREAS, vision is 80% of our sensory connection to the world.

23 NOW, THEREFORE:

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House concurring
25 therein, that May 2021 is recognized as "Healthy Vision Month" in the State of Delaware and all citizens of Delaware are
26 urged to recognize this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all citizens of Delaware are urged to receive periodic eye examinations.

SYNOPSIS

This concurrent resolution recognizes the month of May 2021 as "Healthy Vision Month" in the State of Delaware.

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