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behalf of all Representatives

DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

PROCLAIMING MAY 2021 "CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, cystic fibrosis is an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about
2 35,000 children and adults in the United States and over 70,000 worldwide; and

3 WHEREAS, about 1,000 new cases of cystic fibrosis are diagnosed every year; and

4 WHEREAS, more than 75% of patients are diagnosed by age two; and

5 WHEREAS, more than half of the cystic fibrosis patient population is age 18 or older; and

6 WHEREAS, in the 1950s, few children with cystic fibrosis lived to attend elementary school; and

7 WHEREAS, many people with the disease can now expect to live into their 30s, 40s and beyond with the median
8 survival age of 36; and

9 WHEREAS, advancements in research and medical treatments have further enhanced and extended life for
10 children and adults with cystic fibrosis; and

11 WHEREAS, through the drug development pipeline of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, significant progress in the
12 search for new treatments and a cure for this disease are being achieved; and

13 WHEREAS, the FDA approved lumacaftor/ivacaftor, a member of a new generation of treatments that directly
14 targets faulty CFTR proteins, for an additional 2,400 children in the U.S. in 2016; and

15 WHEREAS, the FDA approved Trikafta, the first triple combination therapy available to treat patients with the
16 most common cystic fibrosis mutation in 2019; and

17 WHEREAS, promoting public awareness and understanding of cystic fibrosis should bring more support for
18 critical research to achieve the goals of enhancing research programs and finding a cure;

19 NOW, THEREFORE:

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House concurring
21 therein, that May 2021 is proclaimed "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitably prepared copy of this resolution be presented to the Cystic Fibrosis
23 Foundation.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution proclaims May 2021 "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware.

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