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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

RECOGNIZING LONG-TERM CARE WORKERS AND FACILITIES IN DELAWARE AND DESIGNATING MAY 9 THROUGH 15, 2021 AS SKILLED NURSING CARE WEEK IN DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, many Delawareans receive, and have benefitted from, long-term services and supports in their
2 homes, group homes, assisted living residences, and nursing homes; and

3 WHEREAS, the long-term services and supports workforce includes: certified nurse aides, personal care workers,
4 nurses, food services staff, housekeepers and homemakers, laundry and maintenance workers, administrators, social
5 services staff, activities staff, marketing and admissions staff, and administrative support personnel; and

6 WHEREAS, the long-term services and supports workers have been serving older adults and people with
7 disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

8 WHEREAS, the long-term services and supports workforce was already in high demand all across Delaware
9 before the pandemic of COVID-19; and

10 WHEREAS, long-term services and supports workers have been responsible for providing care to older adults and
11 people with disabilities in this challenging pandemic of COVID-19 despite limited personal protective equipment (PPE)
12 and the need for ongoing infection control training in an ever-changing landscape; and

13 WHEREAS, staff members have not only put their lives at risk in Delaware, some have lost their lives; and

14 WHEREAS, long-term services and supports workers have come together as a team to provide physical,
15 emotional, and behavioral health services during this pandemic of COVID-19; and

16 WHEREAS, long-term services and supports workers have worked closely with their hospital partners to limit
17 overcrowding; and

18 WHEREAS, long-term services and supports workers developed COVID-19 centers of excellence, with resources
19 specially designed for resident care and to limit the spread of the virus in other facilities; and

20 WHEREAS, long-term services and supports workers in Delaware have voluntarily participated in a sixteen week
21 online training program in Infection Prevention and Control using a national curriculum and worked on a nationally

22 certified Infection Prevention online course; and when traditional training was not available because of the pandemic, over
23 400 individuals took advantage of complimentary online training to enable them to join the long-term care workforce as
24 temporary nurse aides/assistants; and

25 WHEREAS, the long-term services and supports workers have helped those they provide care to maintain family
26 and community contacts in this time of isolation and quarantine during the pandemic of COVID-19; and

27 WHEREAS, the long-term services and supports workers have continued to support those they care for, even
28 when the caregivers themselves risk becoming ill doing their jobs, have lost loved ones, and grieved over the loss of those
29 they provided care to during this pandemic of COVID-19; and

30 WHEREAS, long-term services and supports workers have taken important and often difficult steps to minimize
31 the spread of COVID-19, thereby reducing the infection, hospitalization, and death rates in residential care settings; and

32 WHEREAS, the State of Delaware has greatly benefited from the personal commitments that have been made by
33 these extraordinary long-term services and supports workers who have worked throughout the pandemic of COVID-19
34 despite great risk to themselves and to their families and other contacts.

35 NOW, THEREFORE:

36 BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
37 Representatives concurring therein, recognizes the important work of Long-Term Care Workers and Facilities in Delaware
38 and hereby designates May 9 through 15, 2021 as Skilled Nursing Care Week in Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution recognizes long-term care workers and facilities in Delaware and designates May 9 through 15, 2021 as Skilled Nursing Care Week in Delaware.

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