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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2021 AS MYASTHENIA GRAVIS AWARENESS MONTH.

1 WHEREAS, myasthenia gravis is a neuromuscular disorder primarily characterized by muscle weakness and
2 muscle fatigue; and

3 WHEREAS, myasthenia gravis is the most common primary disorder of neuromuscular transmission; and

4 WHEREAS, myasthenia gravis is caused by an abnormal immune reaction in which the body's immune defenses
5 inappropriately attack certain receptors in muscles that receive nerve impulses; and

6 WHEREAS, symptoms of myasthenia gravis include eyelid drooping, double vision, weakness of the face,
7 difficulty chewing and swallowing, and weakness of the limbs; and

8 WHEREAS, severe symptoms of myasthenia gravis include weakness of the diaphragm which can cause severe
9 difficulty breathing, which can lead to myasthenic crisis; and

10 WHEREAS, myasthenic crisis is a complication of myasthenia gravis characterized by worsening of muscle
11 weakness, resulting in respiratory failure that requires intubation and mechanical ventilation; and

12 WHEREAS, the prevalence of myasthenia gravis in the United States is estimated at approximately 36,000 to
13 60,000 cases; and

14 WHEREAS, myasthenia gravis remains underdiagnosed and the prevalence is probably higher; and

15 WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of myasthenia gravis and its symptoms is an important element in
16 promoting early detection; and

17 WHEREAS, the Muscle Movement Foundation has played an integral role in advocating for and supporting those
18 with myasthenia gravis and other neuromuscular diseases; and

19 WHEREAS, the Muscle Movement Foundation has utilized the phrase "MG can't stop me" to inspire survivors
20 and raise awareness; and

21 WHEREAS, the color teal is associated with myasthenia gravis awareness.

22 NOW, THEREFORE:

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
24 Representatives concurring therein, that the State of Delaware recognizes the month of June 2021 as Myasthenia Gravis
25 Awareness Month.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution recognizes the month of June 2021 as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month.

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