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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2021 AS “REENTRY AWARENESS MONTH” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, over 600,000 individuals in the United States are released annually from prison and two-thirds may  
2 recidivate within 3 years; and

3 WHEREAS, the Delaware Department of Correction (“DOC”) operates a unified correctional system that in fiscal  
4 year 2020 held approximately 4,000 offenders in its 10 correctional facilities and supervised approximately 12,000  
5 offenders in the community; and

6 WHEREAS, within this unified system, DOC maintains five offender supervision levels: Level I to Level V; and

7 WHEREAS, a 2020 DOC Annual Report indicated that in the Level V offender supervision category there were  
8 3,894 inmates, of which 65% were serving sentences longer than 1 year, 6% were sentenced less than 1 year, 18% were  
9 detainees awaiting trial, and 11% were serving life sentences; and

10 WHEREAS, the same report indicated that among Level V offender supervision category, there were 2,396 Black  
11 inmates (62%), 1,284 White inmates (33%), 208 Hispanic or Latino inmates (5%), and 6 Asian/Pacific Islander inmates  
12 (<1%); and

13 WHEREAS, males comprise 95% of the Level V population, while females comprise 5%; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2020, a total of 9,937 individuals were admitted to Level V facilities and 11,399 were released  
15 from them; and

16 WHEREAS, Delawareans returning to the community after incarceration can experience a difficult transition and  
17 often face socio-economic challenges such as homelessness, difficulty finding work, lack of job skills, and limited  
18 education; and

19 WHEREAS, an effective reentry process is important to providing those in Delaware’s correctional system with  
20 renewed opportunities for success; and

21 WHEREAS, reentry, when fully implemented, empowers returning citizens to refrain from crime and incentivizes  
22 law-abiding behavior; and

23 WHEREAS, Governor Carney created the Delaware Correctional Reentry Commission and announced additional  
24 grant funding (fiscal year 2020) to support reentry initiatives aimed to address recidivism through effective coordination of  
25 housing, vocational training, and healthcare access; and

26 WHEREAS, non-profits, government, businesses, and advocates in the State support the recognition of June as  
27 “Reentry Awareness Month”, as a time to remind our community that returning residents should be afforded their full  
28 rights, be prepared for and find life supporting employment, and be afforded access to decent, affordable housing.

29 NOW, THEREFORE:

30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware that the month of June  
31 2021 is recognized as “Reentry Awareness Month” in the State of Delaware.

#### SYNOPSIS

This Resolution recognizes the month of June 2021 as “Reentry Awareness Month” in the State of Delaware.

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