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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7-14, 2022, AS CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS AWARENESS WEEK IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defects (CHDs) are among the most common birth defects and a leading cause of
2 infant and child death in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 100 children are born with a CHD; and

4 WHEREAS, many of these children will need urgent life-saving medical interventions in their first few months,
5 and most will require life-long treatment, medication, or follow-up by a clinician; and

6 WHEREAS, in Delaware, around 100 children are born with a CHD each year; and

7 WHEREAS, the Nemours Children's Hospital provides care through the Nemours Cardiac Center, a world-
8 renowned center of excellence in treatment and research that was founded more than 20 years ago by the pioneering
9 surgeon Dr. William Norwood; and

10 WHEREAS, the Nemours Cardiac Center treats children from Delaware, and from around the United States and
11 many countries around the world, with skillful and compassionate care by physicians, surgeons, nurses, psychologists,
12 social workers, and child-life therapists working together to provide healing for children and their families; and

13 WHEREAS, despite the frequency and severity of CHDs, there is less awareness of these conditions than there
14 should be; and

15 WHEREAS, there is a disproportionately small amount of funding for research and support for the treatment of
16 CHDs; and

17 WHEREAS, through campaigns such as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness week, advocacy groups such as
18 Conquering CHD, Mended Little Hearts, and others seek to increase public understanding of the importance of CHD
19 screening for infants and for teenagers, increase public access and availability of defibrillators, and emphasize the
20 importance of family support and advocacy organizations in Delaware and the nation.

21 NOW, THEREFORE:

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the 151st General Assembly, the House of Representatives concurring
23 therein, hereby proclaims the week of February 7-14, 2022, as “Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week.”

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly hereby encourages initiatives to increase public and
25 professional awareness of CHDs in the State of Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This concurrent resolution proclaims February 7-14, 2022, as Congenital Heart Defects Awareness Week in Delaware.

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