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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
148th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 94

ENCOURAGING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN DELAWARE THROUGH THE VOLUNTARY ACTIONS OF THE DELAWARE OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY, THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND DELAWARE'S LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, since January 2012 the Office of Highway Safety reports there have been 118 pedestrian fatalities in  
2 Delaware; and

3 WHEREAS, the State of Delaware averages about 18 pedestrian fatalities per year; and

4 WHEREAS, the potential for pedestrian fatalities will increase as Delaware's population, its number of motorists,  
5 and its miles of paved roads increases; and

6 WHEREAS, the bulk of pedestrian deaths are preventable; and

7 WHEREAS, the Office of Highway Safety prudently uses crash and arrest data to target its outreach, educational  
8 campaigns, and paid media efforts; and

9 WHEREAS, crash reports reveal that 96 percent of pedestrian fatalities since the start of 2012 were the result of  
10 pedestrian actions; and

11 WHEREAS, the Office of Highway Safety understandably concentrates its pedestrian safety initiatives on  
12 pedestrians; and

13 WHEREAS, there is an opportunity for state legislators and local governments to help improve pedestrian safety  
14 by sharing the Office of Highway Safety's messaging and to expand on it; and

15 WHEREAS, there is some value in raising awareness among motorists of their need to yield to pedestrians in  
16 crosswalks; and

17 WHEREAS, crosswalk safety campaigns, such as North Carolina's "Watch for Me" campaign, provide a  
18 convenient reference on which to build such an initiative.

19 NOW, THEREFORE:

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 148th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the  
21 Senate concurring therein, that we do hereby support efforts to reduce pedestrian injuries and deaths caused by motor  
22 vehicles.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each member of the General Assembly is encouraged to promote the Office of  
24 Highway Safety's pedestrian safety efforts by sharing its messaging on their websites and social media platforms.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each member of the General Assembly is encouraged to designate at least one  
26 project in their district designed to improve pedestrian safety (e.g. signage, crosswalk painting, traffic control devices, etc.)  
27 and commit a portion of the Community Transportation Fund allotment to it.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each member of the General Assembly is encouraged to work with the local  
29 governments in their districts and the Office of Highway Safety to facilitate a dialogue on what steps can be taken to  
30 improve pedestrian safety.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all members of the Delaware General Assembly and Delaware's local  
32 governments are urged to undertake whatever reasonable measures they can to raise awareness of motorists' need to yield  
33 to pedestrians in crosswalks.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Highway Safety is respectfully requested to aid the  
35 aforementioned crosswalk awareness effort as best they can under their staffing and budgetary constraints.

#### SYNOPSIS

This resolution is intended to produce voluntary, cost-effective actions by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety, the Delaware General Assembly, and Delaware's local governments to reduce deaths and injuries occurring to pedestrians on the state's roads.