

SPONSOR: Rep. B. Short on behalf of all Representatives & Sen. Cloutier on behalf of all Senators

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38

RECOGNIZING THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION THAT THE LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL MAKES TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES, AS WELL AS TO THE WORLD AT LARGE, BY DESIGNATING JUNE 15, 2017 AS "DELAWARE STATE LIONS DAY" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE

1 WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.4 million 2 members in more than 46,000 clubs worldwide in over 200 countries; and 3 WHEREAS, founded in 1917, Lions Clubs International is best known for fighting blindness by conducting vision 4 screenings, equipping hospitals and clinics, distributing medicine, and raising awareness of eye disease, and other laudable 5 activities; and WHEREAS, the Lions Clubs also volunteer for many different kinds of community projects, including caring for 6 7 the environment, feeding the hungry, and aiding seniors and the disabled; and 8 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2015-2016, the Lions Clubs International Foundation impacted lives around the world 9 through 453 grants totaling more than \$45 million; and 10 WHEREAS, the Lions Clubs International Foundation was ranked the number one non-governmental organization 11 in a 2007 study by The Financial Times – a finding that was reinforced by a 2014 Charity Navigator review that awarded 12 the Foundation its highest ranking; and 13 WHEREAS, the Lions Clubs International Foundation helps communities following natural disasters by providing 14 for immediate needs such as food, water, clothing, and medical supplies; and 15 WHEREAS, the Lions Clubs have been active in Delaware since 1922; and 16 WHEREAS, there are 35 active Lions Clubs in the First State consisting of 1,250 members; and 17 WHEREAS, the Lions Clubs receive no State grants to carry out their altruistic efforts on behalf of our citizens; 18 and 19 WHEREAS, through 99 years of action the Lions Clubs have lived up to their motto: "We Serve."; 20 NOW, THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the 21 22 Senate concurring therein, that June 15, 2017 is recognized as "Delaware State Lions Day" in the State of Delaware.

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- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitably prepared copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Glenn E.
  Williams, Home Club District Governor for District 22 D.
  BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitably prepared copy of this resolution be forwarded to Lions International
- Headquarters, 300 West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523-8842, Attention: Office of International President
- 27 Chancellor Bob Corlew.

## **SYNOPSIS**

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes the valuable contributions that the Lions Clubs International makes to our local communities, as well as the world at-large, by designating June 15, 2017 as "Delaware State Lions Day" in the State of Delaware.

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