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## DELAWARE STATE SENATE 153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

RECOGNIZING APRIL 21- APRIL 25, 2025, AS "NATIONAL HOME VISITING WEEK" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, April 21-25 has been designated as National Home Visiting Week to recognize the instrumental role 2 home visiting plays in assisting families with young children to enhance their health and well-being; and 3 WHEREAS, Delaware currently has four home visiting programs: Nurse-Family Partnership, Healthy Families 4 Delaware, Parents as Teachers, and Early Head Start Home Visiting; and 5 WHEREAS, these programs welcome families who are expecting a baby or have a young child and provide 6 invaluable support to mothers and young children across the State of Delaware; and 7 WHEREAS, home visiting is orchestrated by Family Support Specialists who conduct routine home visits and 8 build strong relationships with families; and 9 WHEREAS, Family Support Specialists educate families and caregivers in developmentally appropriate activities 10 that focus on promoting a child's cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development through interactive play, 11 exploration, and learning experiences; and 12 WHEREAS, home visits include various activities, such as assistance with accessing quality prenatal care, 13 providing health education around topics that include breastfeeding, safe sleep, and stress relief strategies, aiding families 14 on supporting their child's development, and helping create a safe and healthy environment for a young child to thrive in; 15 and 16 WHEREAS, studies show a return on investment of \$1.80 to \$5.70 for every dollar spent on home visiting 17 highlighting the long-term impacts of these programs; and 18 WHEREAS, in 2024, Delaware served over 1,400 families and provided over 13,000 home visits, including 3,000 virtual visits. 19 20 WHEREAS, home visiting programs strengthen families, promote child well-being, and contribute to healthier

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communities by providing essential support, education, and resources to parents and caregivers across Delaware.

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NOW, THEREFORE:

- BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 153rd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
- Representatives concurring therein, that the week of April 21-25, 2025, be designated as "National Home Visiting Week"
- in the State of Delaware.

## **SYNOPSIS**

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes April 21 - April 25, 2025, as "National Home Visiting Week" in the State of Delaware.

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