DESIGNATING JULY 10, 2026, AS "CHRONIC DISEASE AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

WHEREAS, chronic diseases, including but not limited to heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and asthma, are among the leading causes of death and disability in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, approximately 3 in 4 adults in the United States have at least one chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, chronic diseases are leading drivers of the nation's health care costs; and

WHEREAS, many chronic diseases are preventable or can be effectively managed through early detection, lifestyle modifications, and access to appropriate medical care; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by chronic diseases often face significant challenges, including long-term treatment costs, reduced quality of life, and barriers to accessing care; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness and education about chronic diseases can promote healthier lifestyles, encourage early diagnosis, and improve health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, public health initiatives and community-based programs play a critical role in reducing the burden of chronic diseases across populations; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Delaware residents are affected by chronic diseases, impacting families, communities, and the state's workforce and economy; and

WHEREAS, chronic diseases account for seven of the 10 leading causes of death in Delaware; and

WHEREAS, collaboration among policymakers, healthcare providers, educators, and community organizations is essential to effectively prevent and manage chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, establishing a statewide Chronic Disease Awareness Day will focus attention on prevention, education, and support for those living with chronic conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Delaware, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that July 10, 2026, is hereby recognized as "Delaware Chronic Disease Awareness Day" in the State of Delaware; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Delaware General Assembly encourage all residents to participate in activities and initiatives that raise awareness of chronic diseases, promote prevention, and support individuals and families affected by these conditions.