

## CROWN ACT PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the CROWN Act, first signed into law on July 3, 2019 in California, is an initiative founded and led by Dove beauty brand, in alliance with National Urban League, Color of Change, and Western Center on Law & Poverty as the CROWN Coalition, and stands for “Create a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2021 the CROWN Act was first introduced to Delaware Legislation by primary sponsor Senator Darius J. Brown, (D-Wilmington), and is designed to amend Delaware’s discrimination law so that students, workers, and tenants cannot be subjected to unequal treatment due to hair texture or protective hairstyles; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 13, 2021, Governor Carney signed this Act into Law, making Delaware the ninth state to join the CROWN Coalition, joining California, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Colorado, Washington, and Connecticut; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert C. Johnson, Mayor of Smyrna, Delaware, along with all Members of Smyrna Council, do hereby proclaim July 3, 2024, as a day to celebrate the CROWN Act and Coalition, and urge all citizens to join in this celebration.

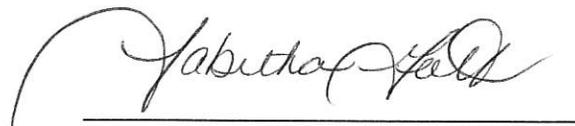
Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024

ATTEST:

  
Robert C. Johnson, Mayor

  
Michael Rasmussen, Vice Mayor

  
William D. Pressley Sr., Council Secretary

  
Tabitha Gott, Councilwoman, District 1

  
Dr. Corrine N. Upshur, Councilwoman, District 2

  
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Dean Johnson, Councilman, At-Large