

House Resolution 1797

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Smith of the 70th, Cooper of the 43rd, Howard of the 124th, Hawkins of the 27th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 20, 2016, as Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy Alert Day at the capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in the United States, an estimated 29.1 million people, or 9.3 percent of the total
4 population, are affected by diabetes; and

5 WHEREAS, diabetic peripheral neuropathy is a serious condition that damages nerve fibers
6 due to prolonged exposure to high amounts of glucose in the bloodstream; and

7 WHEREAS, diabetes is associated with a 74 percent higher risk of peripheral neuropathy;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, diabetic peripheral neuropathy often causes intense pain, frequently described
10 as aching, tingling, burning, and numbness of the feet, which often results in serious foot
11 problems due to nerve damage; and

12 WHEREAS, the rate of amputations in people with diabetes is ten times higher than for
13 people without diabetes, and studies show that more than 60 percent of nontraumatic lower
14 extremity amputations are due to diabetic peripheral neuropathy; and

15 WHEREAS, diabetic peripheral neuropathy can occur whether a person has Type I diabetes,
16 also known as juvenile diabetes, or Type II diabetes, which is typically adult-onset; and

17 WHEREAS, diabetic peripheral neuropathy accounts for more diabetes-related
18 hospitalizations than any other complication; and

19 WHEREAS, regular clinical screenings can reduce the burden of diabetic peripheral
20 neuropathy; and

21 WHEREAS, it is important that Georgians with diabetes be aware of the dangers and
22 warning signs of diabetic peripheral neuropathy and make healthy lifestyle choices to prevent
23 the onset of this life-changing condition.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize June 20, 2016, as Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy Alert
26 Day at the capitol to raise awareness of the dangers of diabetic peripheral neuropathy.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 public and the press.