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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 25, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 14, 2022, as "World Diabetes Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
4 defines diabetes as a chronic disease that affects one's ability
5 to process food into energy properly; and

6 WHEREAS, The inability to process food properly affects an
7 individual's ability to create enough insulin or fully utilize
8 the individual's own insulin; and

9 WHEREAS, Over time, abnormalities with insulin levels can
10 lead to serious health complications, including heart disease,
11 stroke, kidney disease, blindness, limb amputations and early
12 death; and

13 WHEREAS, The three main types of diabetes are Type 1, Type 2
14 and gestational diabetes; and

15 WHEREAS, Prediabetes can be classified as having higher-than-
16 normal blood sugar levels, but not quite high enough to be
17 considered Type 2; and

1 WHEREAS, Having prediabetes is a strong indicator that an
2 individual will eventually be diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Risk factors for diabetes include genetic factors,
5 high blood pressure, low HDL cholesterol or high triglycerides,
6 gestational diabetes during pregnancy, being 45 years of age or
7 older, being a member of a high-risk ethnic group, being
8 overweight and having an inactive lifestyle; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the most recent National Diabetes
10 Statistics Report released by the CDC, approximately 37 million
11 individuals, or roughly 10.5% of the United States population,
12 live with the disease; and

13 WHEREAS, Of this number approximately 7.7 million, or nearly
14 21%, are undiagnosed; and

15 WHEREAS, Approximately 11.1% of Pennsylvanians live with some
16 form of diagnosed diabetes, with an additional estimated 3%
17 living undiagnosed, according to the American Diabetes
18 Association (ADA); and

19 WHEREAS, As of 2021, the ADA suggests that 34.1% of the total
20 adult population in Pennsylvania lives with prediabetes, whether
21 diagnosed or not; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2020, diabetes contributed to more than 100,000
23 deaths nationwide; and

24 WHEREAS, In 2019, diabetes contributed to 3,652 deaths in
25 Pennsylvania; and

26 WHEREAS, Diabetes is one of the five leading causes of
27 health-related deaths in this Commonwealth; and

28 WHEREAS, The rate of deaths related to diabetes has increased
29 over the past four decades; and

30 WHEREAS, There is currently no cure for diabetes but an

1 individual's risk of developing Type 2 diabetes can be greatly
2 reduced through a healthy diet, physical activity and
3 medication; and

4 WHEREAS, The majority of avoidable costs associated with
5 treating diabetes result from inpatient hospitalizations and
6 emergency room visits, which could be reduced by proactively
7 managing diabetes-associated conditions in an outpatient
8 setting; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the CDC, \$1 out of every \$4 in United
10 States' health care costs are spent on those with diabetes; and

11 WHEREAS, Approximately \$237 billion was spent in the United
12 States on treating the disease and an additional \$90 billion in
13 costs were incurred due to reduced productivity associated with
14 the disease; and

15 WHEREAS, Management of diabetes and other chronic conditions
16 is a major cost driver for programs such as Medicaid and
17 Medicare; and

18 WHEREAS, "World Diabetes Day" was first introduced by the
19 International Diabetes Federation and the World Health
20 Organization in 1991 to raise awareness of the escalating
21 incidence of diabetes worldwide; and

22 WHEREAS, November 14 of each year was chosen to mark "World
23 Diabetes Day" because it represents the birthday of Frederick
24 Banting who, along with Charles Best, is credited with the
25 discovery of insulin in 1921; and

26 WHEREAS, "World Diabetes Day" became an official United
27 Nations international observance in 2007 pursuant to the
28 December 2006 resolution of the General Assembly of the United
29 Nations recognizing diabetes as "a chronic, debilitating and
30 costly disease associated with major complications that pose

1 severe risks for families, countries and the entire world";
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize November 14, 2022, as
4 "World Diabetes Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage residents in communities
6 throughout this Commonwealth to recommit to raising awareness of
7 diabetes and the need for education and services for individuals
8 afflicted with diabetes.