
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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RAFFERTY, WARD, WHITE, HUGHES, GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, SCAVELLO
AND KILLION, OCTOBER 17, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of November 2018 as "National Diabetes
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
4 defines diabetes as a group of diseases characterized by high
5 blood sugar; and

6 WHEREAS, When a person has diabetes, his or her body either
7 does not create enough insulin or is unable to utilize its own
8 insulin as well as it should; and

9 WHEREAS, When blood sugar builds up in the body and its
10 levels are not controlled, it can lead to serious health
11 complications, including heart disease, stroke, kidney disease,
12 blindness, amputations of the legs and feet and early death; and

13 WHEREAS, Diabetes is a chronic disease that affects an
14 estimated 30.3 million Americans; and

15 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a diabetes epidemic, with
16 approximately 1.5 million people living with diabetes and an
17 estimated 325,000 Pennsylvanians undiagnosed; and

1 WHEREAS, 3.5 million people in Pennsylvania have prediabetes
2 with blood glucose levels higher than normal but not yet high
3 enough to be diagnosed as diabetes; and

4 WHEREAS, Every year an estimated 71,000 individuals are
5 diagnosed in this Commonwealth with diabetes, including a
6 dramatic increase in the incidence of type 1 diabetes; and

7 WHEREAS, Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in
8 this Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, Approximately 1.25 million American children and
10 adults have type 1 diabetes; and

11 WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes, previously known as juvenile
12 diabetes, can be diagnosed at any age; and

13 WHEREAS, Approximately 5% of people with diabetes have type 1
14 diabetes; and

15 WHEREAS, Children and adults can learn to manage type 1
16 diabetes with the help of insulin therapy and other treatments
17 and live long, healthy lives; and

18 WHEREAS, In an effort to focus the nation's attention on this
19 ever-growing disease, November has been recognized as "National
20 Diabetes Month"; and

21 WHEREAS, This year's theme is "Everyday Reality," because for
22 those who've been diagnosed, diabetes impacts nearly every
23 decision they make daily, from what they'll eat, wear and do and
24 how they'll take care of themselves, the 24/7 burden of diabetes
25 management often being misunderstood; and

26 WHEREAS, This awareness campaign is intended to demonstrate
27 the everyday reality of diabetes from the point of view of
28 people living with diabetes or caring for someone with diabetes;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, Advocates nationwide join together as a united

1 community during this month to raise awareness, promote ongoing
2 diabetes education and support those living with diabetes; and

3 WHEREAS, Continuing advocacy and healthy disease management
4 promotes the vision of a life free of diabetes and all of its
5 burdens; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of November
7 2018 as "National Diabetes Month" in Pennsylvania and join the
8 movement to stop diabetes.