

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 288

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A RESOLUTION designating May 2011 as "American Diabetes Association Alert Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, in the United States, it is estimated that 23.6 million people, or 7.8 percent of the total population, are affected by diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the American Diabetes Association estimates that more than half of all people with diabetes suffer from Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy; and

WHEREAS, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy often causes intense pain, frequently described as aching, tingling, burning, and numbness of the feet, which often results in serious foot problems due to nerve damage; and

WHEREAS, diabetic nerve damage can also lesson the ability to feel pain, heat, and cold, which means that diabetic patients may not feel a foot injury, a stone in their shoe, or a nail in their foot; and

WHEREAS, the rate of amputations in people with diabetes is ten times higher than for people without diabetes; and

WHEREAS, studies show that more than sixty percent of non-traumatic lower extremity amputations are due to Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy; and

WHEREAS, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy can occur whether a person has Type I diabetes, also known as juvenile diabetes, or Type II diabetes, which is typically adult-onset; and

WHEREAS, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy accounts for more diabetes related hospitalizations than any other complication; and

WHEREAS, it is important that Tennesseans with diabetes be aware of the dangers and warning signs of Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy, and make healthy lifestyle choices to prevent the onset of this life changing condition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate May 2011 as “American Diabetes Association Alert Month” in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.