

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 728

Expressing support for the designation of September 2023 as “Peripheral Artery Disease Awareness Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

Mr. PAYNE (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of September 2023 as “Peripheral Artery Disease Awareness Month”.

Whereas peripheral artery disease (PAD) affects nearly 20,000,000 Americans, including an estimated 200,000 Americans who are from disproportionately minority communities;

Whereas PAD is a chronic condition that causes narrowing or blockage of blood vessels that carry blood from the heart to the legs;

Whereas the primary cause of PAD is the buildup of plaque in the arteries or atherosclerosis;

Whereas many risk factors for PAD include smoking, high blood pressure, coronary artery disease, carotid artery

disease, diabetes, high cholesterol, and being 60 years of age or older;

Whereas individuals with type 2 diabetes and PAD are 4 times more likely to lose a limb compared to individuals without either such disease;

Whereas individuals who smoke are 3 times more likely to develop PAD;

Whereas researchers analyzing data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (1999–2004) found that 5.9 percent of the United States population aged 40 years or older have a low ankle brachial index (ABI) (≤ 0.9), which indicates the presence of PAD;

Whereas African Americans are twice as likely to be diagnosed with PAD and up to 3 times as likely to have an amputation;

Whereas if not properly diagnosed, PAD can lead to nontraumatic lower limb amputations, heart attack, or stroke;

Whereas unnecessary amputations drastically reduce the quality of life for PAD patients;

Whereas PAD generally has a poor prognosis, with an increased risk of mortality, and about 50 and 70 percent of patients die at 2 and 4 years, respectively, with critical limb ischemia; and

Whereas educating people on the risks of PAD and encouraging early screenings are crucial to preventing unnecessary amputations: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Peripheral
- 3 Artery Disease Awareness Month; and

1 (2) encourages the people of the United States
2 to observe the month with appropriate awareness
3 and educational activities.

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