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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 2002 as "National Diabetes Month."

2 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth recognizes the importance of
3 diagnosing and treating diabetes effectively; and

4 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth recognizes the importance of
5 promoting diabetes awareness and education; and

6 WHEREAS, The current national yearly health expenditures for
7 direct and indirect costs associated with diabetes are in excess
8 of \$98 billion, with costs in excess of \$6.7 billion in this
9 Commonwealth; and

1 WHEREAS, The number of people newly diagnosed with diabetes
2 across the nation is 798,000 each year; and

3 WHEREAS, The number of people with diabetes in the United
4 States is in excess of 16 million; and

5 WHEREAS, In the United States, 5.9% of the general
6 population, 10.8% of the African-American population, 10.6% of
7 the Hispanic population and 12.2% of the Native American
8 population have diabetes; and

9 WHEREAS, Diabetes is the leading cause of new blindness in
10 people 20 to 74 years of age; and

11 WHEREAS, Other complications of diabetes include heart
12 disease, stroke, kidney disease, nerve disease and amputation;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Good control of blood glucose levels in people with
15 diabetes has been shown to dramatically decrease the likelihood
16 of the occurrence of complications, thus improving the patients'
17 quality of life and decreasing health care expenditures; and

18 WHEREAS, Education concerning diabetes and its treatment is
19 critical to improving blood glucose control; and

20 WHEREAS, November 2002 is being celebrated as "National
21 Diabetes Month" throughout the United States; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
23 November 2002 as "National Diabetes Month" to highlight the
24 value of education in providing diabetes treatment which is cost
25 effective and improves the quality of life for people with
26 diabetes; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That people with diabetes, their families and
28 friends and health care professionals in this Commonwealth be
29 urged to utilize this month to increase their awareness and
30 understanding of diabetes so that in the future people with

1 diabetes will be better able to care for their own needs and
2 others will be better prepared to serve the needs of people with
3 diabetes.