

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 583 Session of 2015

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PAYNE, MAHONEY, V. BROWN, FARINA, O'BRIEN, MAJOR AND
D. PARKER, NOVEMBER 12, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 12, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of November 2015 as "National Diabetes
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
4 define 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, In 2012, 29.1 million Americans, or 9.3% of the
14 population, had diabetes; and

1 WHEREAS, Diabetes was the seventh leading cause of death in
2 the United States in 2013; and

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

6 WHEREAS, Advocates nationwide join together as a united
7 community during this month to raise awareness, promote ongoing
8 diabetes education and support those living with diabetes; and

9 WHEREAS, The American Diabetes Association's theme for
10 "National Diabetes Month" in 2015 is "Eat Well, America!"; and

11 WHEREAS, As the American Diabetes Association celebrates its
12 75th anniversary this year, the organization has vowed to lead
13 the conversation that helps those living with diabetes and those
14 looking to live a healthier lifestyle achieve health and
15 wellness every day; and

16 WHEREAS, Continuing advocacy and healthy disease management
17 promotes the American Diabetes Association's vision of a life
18 free of diabetes and all of its burdens; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
20 month of November 2015 as "National Diabetes Month" in
21 Pennsylvania and join the movement to stop diabetes.