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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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J. HARRIS, CONKLIN AND WARREN, OCTOBER 4, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 4, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of November 2017 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, In 2015, 30.3 million Americans, or 9.4% of the  
14 population, had diabetes; and

15 WHEREAS, Approximately 1.25 million American children and

1 adults have type 1 diabetes; and

2 WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes, previously known as juvenile  
3 diabetes, is usually diagnosed in children and young adults; and

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

6 WHEREAS, Children and young adults can learn to manage type 1  
7 diabetes with the help of insulin therapy and other treatments  
8 and live long, healthy lives; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year, 1.5 million Americans are diagnosed with  
10 diabetes; and

11 WHEREAS, In the United States in 2015, 79,535 death  
12 certificates listed diabetes as the underlying cause of death  
13 and a total of 252,806 death certificates listed diabetes as an  
14 underlying or contributing cause of death; and

15 WHEREAS, Diabetes was the seventh leading cause of death in  
16 the United States in 2015; and

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

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

23 WHEREAS, The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and  
24 Kidney Diseases' theme for "National Diabetes Month" in 2017 is  
25 "You are the center of your diabetes care team"; and

26 WHEREAS, The American Diabetes Association has vowed to lead  
27 the conversation that helps those living with diabetes and those  
28 looking to live a healthier lifestyle achieve health and  
29 wellness every day; and

30 WHEREAS, Continuing advocacy and healthy disease management

1 promotes the American Diabetes Association's vision of a life  
2 free of diabetes and all of its burdens; therefore be it  
3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
4 month of November 2017 as "National Diabetes Month" in  
5 Pennsylvania and join the movement to stop diabetes.