
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 407 Session of
1994

INTRODUCED BY E. Z. TAYLOR, JOSEPHS, RUBLEY, TRUE, NYCE, NAILOR,
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PESCI, TRELLO, PITTS, MELIO, EGOLF, GRUPPO, FAJT, STABACK,
MANDERINO, LAUGHLIN AND MIHALICH, NOVEMBER 15, 1994

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, NOVEMBER 15, 1994

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 15, 1994, as "Diabetes Awareness and
2 Education Day" in Pennsylvania.

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

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

7 WHEREAS, The current national yearly health expenditures, for
8 both direct and indirect costs associated with diabetes, are in
9 excess of \$92 billion; and

10 WHEREAS, The number of newly diagnosed diabetics across the
11 nation is approximately 677,000 each year; and

12 WHEREAS, The number of people with diabetes in the United
13 States is in excess of 6.5 million; and

14 WHEREAS, By ages 65 to 74, nearly 17% of white Americans, 25%
15 of African Americans and more than 33% of Hispanics have

1 diabetes; and

2 WHEREAS, Diabetes is responsible for 8% of legal blindness;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Other complications of diabetes include heart
5 disease, stroke, kidney disease and circulation problems; and

6 WHEREAS, Tight control of blood glucose levels in diabetics
7 has been shown to dramatically decrease the likelihood of the
8 occurrence of such complications, thus improving the patient's
9 quality of life and decreasing health care expenditures; and

10 WHEREAS, Education concerning diabetes and its treatment is
11 critical to improving blood glucose control; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
13 November 15, 1994, as "Diabetes Awareness and Education Day" in
14 Pennsylvania, in recognition of the value of education in
15 helping to treat diabetes in a cost-effective manner and to
16 improve the quality of life for those with diabetes; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That diabetics, their families and friends and
19 health care professionals in this Commonwealth are urged to
20 utilize this day to increase their awareness and understanding
21 of diabetes so that in the future diabetics will be better able
22 to care for their own needs and others will be better prepared
23 to serve the needs of diabetics.