
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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1998

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 4, 1998

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 1998 as "National Diabetes Month" in
2 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 \$6.7 billion in Pennsylvania; and

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

1 WHEREAS, The number of people with diabetes in the United
2 States is almost 16 million; and

3 WHEREAS, One in every 20 people of the general population, 1
4 in 10 people of the African American population and 1 in 10
5 people of the Hispanic, Asian and Native American populations
6 have diabetes; and

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

9 WHEREAS, Other complications of diabetes include heart
10 disease, stroke, kidney disease and circulation problems; and

11 WHEREAS, Good control of blood glucose levels in people with
12 diabetes has been shown to dramatically decrease the likelihood
13 of the occurrence of such complications, thus improving the
14 patient's quality of life and decreasing health care
15 expenditures; and

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

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
19 November 1998 as "National Diabetes Month" in Pennsylvania, in
20 recognition of the value of education in helping to treat
21 diabetes in a cost-effective manner and to improve the quality
22 of life for those people with diabetes; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That people with diabetes, their families and
24 friends and health care professionals in this Commonwealth are
25 urged to utilize this month to increase their awareness and
26 understanding of diabetes so that in the future people with
27 diabetes will be better able to care for their own needs and
28 others will be better prepared to serve the needs of people with
29 diabetes.