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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of November 2016 as "American Diabetes
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Nearly 30 million Americans, including 1.5 million
4 persons in this Commonwealth, have diabetes, a serious disease
5 with potentially life-threatening complications such as heart
6 disease, stroke, blindness, kidney disease and amputation; and

7 WHEREAS, It is estimated that every 23 seconds someone in the
8 United States is diagnosed with diabetes; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition, 86 million individuals are at risk of
10 developing type 2 diabetes; and

11 WHEREAS, Approximately 5% of diabetics are diagnosed with
12 type 1 diabetes, which is typically diagnosed in children and
13 young adults; and

14 WHEREAS, According to a recent study, the incidence rate of
15 type 1 diabetes among children in Philadelphia has increased 29%
16 since 1989; and

17 WHEREAS, The prevalence of diabetes in this Commonwealth has

1 nearly doubled since 1995; and

2 WHEREAS, Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death
3 Statewide; and

4 WHEREAS, To highlight the daily challenges of millions of
5 Americans living with this chronic illness, every November the
6 American Diabetes Association's "American Diabetes Month" is
7 observed; and

8 WHEREAS, The 2016 "American Diabetes Month" theme is "This is
9 Diabetes," with a goal of empowering at-risk individuals and
10 providing the tools necessary to prevent a diabetes diagnosis;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, As part of "American Diabetes Month," the American
13 Diabetes Association is also celebrating "National Healthy Lunch
14 Day" on November 15, encouraging everyone to "lunch right with
15 every bite" and make healthy food choices; and

16 WHEREAS, Education and community awareness are necessary to
17 put a stop to the diabetes epidemic; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of November
19 2016 as "American Diabetes Month" in Pennsylvania in keeping
20 with the American Diabetes Association's movement to confront,
21 fight and most importantly change the future of this deadly
22 disease.