

---

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

---

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 458 Session of  
2017

---

INTRODUCED BY OBERLANDER, HENNESSEY, NEILSON, PICKETT, DRISCOLL, MACKENZIE, ROTHMAN, MURT, DAY, FREEMAN, BURNS, CORBIN, READSHAW, CALTAGIRONE, DUSH, SONNEY, RYAN, HICKERNELL, ZIMMERMAN, MILLARD, WARD, LONGIETTI, JAMES, DIGIROLAMO, CAUSER, BAKER, O'NEILL, FEE, R. BROWN, WATSON, WARREN, PASHINSKI, HEFFLEY, TOOHIL, TALLMAN, V. BROWN, JOZWIAK, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN, D. COSTA, ROEBUCK, DeLUCA, CORR, GILLEN, WHEELAND, BENNINGHOFF, B. MILLER, ORTITAY, DEASY, KAVULICH AND BOBACK, AUGUST 24, 2017

---

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
AUGUST 24, 2017

---

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of November 12 through 18, 2017, as  
2 "Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Awareness Week" in  
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Approximately 1.4 million Pennsylvanians have  
5 diabetes, a chronic condition that occurs when the body does not  
6 properly produce or use the hormone insulin that regulates blood  
7 sugar; and

8 WHEREAS, An additional 3.5 million Pennsylvanians have  
9 prediabetes, which is an elevated blood sugar level not yet high  
10 enough to be diagnosed as diabetes; and

11 WHEREAS, Type 2 diabetes is the most common type of diabetes,  
12 representing an estimated 90% to 95% of all diagnosed adult  
13 diabetes cases in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Individuals with type 2 diabetes have a two to four

1 times greater risk of developing cardiovascular disease; and

2 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease, the term used to define  
3 problems with the heart and blood vessels, including heart  
4 attacks, heart failure and strokes, is the leading cause of  
5 death associated with diabetes due to complications associated  
6 with diabetes, including high blood sugar, high blood pressure  
7 and obesity; and

8 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease accounts for 68% of deaths in  
9 individuals with type 2 diabetes in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Diabetes treatment costs an estimated \$13.4 billion  
11 in Pennsylvania each year, and cardiovascular disease accounts  
12 for an estimated 28% of costs for treating diabetes patients;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Findings from a recent study revealed that 52% of  
15 adults living with type 2 diabetes are unaware that they are at  
16 an increased risk of cardiovascular disease; and

17 WHEREAS, Appropriate awareness and education about the  
18 cardiovascular risks associated with diabetes can effectively  
19 improve outcomes and reduce the overall financial burden of the  
20 illness; and

21 WHEREAS, The Department of Health and other relevant partners  
22 seek to promote awareness, education and action related to  
23 diabetes and the link to cardiovascular disease; and

24 WHEREAS, The month of November is "American Diabetes Month";  
25 therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
27 week of November 12 through 18, 2017, as "Diabetes and  
28 Cardiovascular Disease Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania; and be  
29 it further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage others

- 1 to promote education and awareness of the connection between
- 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease.