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MCNEILL, CIRESI AND ZIMMERMAN, OCTOBER 11, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, OCTOBER 11, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of November 10 through 16, 2019, as
2 "Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Awareness Week" in
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Approximately 1.5 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
15 times greater risk of developing cardiovascular disease; and

16 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease, the term used to define

1 problems with the heart and blood vessels, including heart
2 attacks, heart failure and strokes, is the leading cause of
3 death associated with diabetes due to complications associated
4 with diabetes, including high blood sugar, high blood pressure
5 and obesity; and

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

8 WHEREAS, Diabetes treatment costs an estimated \$12.9 billion
9 in Pennsylvania each year, and cardiovascular disease accounts
10 for an estimated 28% of costs for treating diabetes patients;
11 and

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, The month of November is "American Diabetes Month";
23 therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
25 week of November 10 through 16, 2019, as "Diabetes and
26 Cardiovascular Disease Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania; and be
27 it further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage others
29 to promote education and awareness of the connection between
30 diabetes and cardiovascular disease.