
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, NOVEMBER 16, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 15, 2023, as "Juvenile Diabetes Day" and
2 "JDRF Day" in Pennsylvania and encouraging everyone to wear
3 blue on November 15, 2023, for "Juvenile Diabetes Day."

4 WHEREAS, Nearly 1.4 million American children and adults have
5 type 1 diabetes, a serious disease that has no cure; and

6 WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease that
7 strikes children and adults suddenly and lasts a lifetime,
8 requiring them to take multiple injections of insulin daily or
9 continually infuse insulin through a pump; and

10 WHEREAS, An increase in community awareness of risk factors,
11 symptoms and screenings related to type 1 diabetes can improve
12 the likelihood that people with type 1 diabetes will get the
13 attention they need before developing the disease and its
14 devastating complications; and

15 WHEREAS, With more than \$2.8 billion allocated to research
16 since 1970, JDRF is the worldwide leader in funding research to
17 cure type 1 diabetes and is committed to improving the lives of
18 people with diabetes today and in the future; and

1 WHEREAS, Early detection of type 1 diabetes is possible using
2 a blood autoantibody test; and

3 WHEREAS, The presence of IA-2 autoantibodies constitute the
4 diagnosis of early stage type 1 diabetes; and

5 WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes screening and early detection
6 minimize the risks of the potentially life-threatening condition
7 of diabetic ketoacidosis, which develops when the body does not
8 have enough insulin to allow blood sugar into the cells for use
9 as energy; and

10 WHEREAS, Ketoacidosis can be avoided by sustaining optimal
11 glycemic management by eating foods that maintain and improve
12 blood sugar regulation, testing blood sugar often and adopting a
13 healthy lifestyle; and

14 WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes screening and early detection
15 empowers health care providers, people with diabetes and
16 caregivers and gives them time to develop the skills they need
17 to sustain optimal glycemic management; and

18 WHEREAS, The month of November has been designated "National
19 Diabetes Awareness Month," and JDRF will be undertaking public
20 awareness initiatives to further their important mission; and

21 WHEREAS, From day one of diagnosis through all of life's
22 milestones, JDRF supports and connects people in the community
23 to help them live better lives; and

24 WHEREAS, JDRF works with public and private partners to
25 ensure that critical type 1 diabetes research funding is
26 supported, innovation is fostered and life-changing
27 breakthroughs, such as the first disease modifying therapy to
28 delay type 1 diabetes onset, are available and affordable; and

29 WHEREAS, JDRF is committed to improving lives today and
30 tomorrow by accelerating critical breakthroughs to cure, prevent

1 and treat type 1 diabetes and its complications and to fight the
2 disease worldwide by helping to ensure that those with diabetes
3 have affordable access to care, treatment and education;
4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize November 15, 2023, as
6 "Juvenile Diabetes Day" and "JDRF Day" in Pennsylvania; and be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage everyone to wear blue on
9 November 15, 2023, for "Juvenile Diabetes Day" to offer support
10 and spread awareness.