A RESOLUTION

Designating the week of November 11 through 17, 2018, as "Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Individuals with type 2 diabetes have a two to four
times greater risk of developing cardiovascular disease; and
WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease, the term used to define
problems with the heart and blood vessels, including heart
attacks, heart failure and strokes, is the leading cause of
death associated with diabetes due to complications associated
with diabetes, including high blood sugar, high blood pressure
and obesity; and
WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease accounts for 68% of deaths in
individuals with type 2 diabetes in the United States; and
WHEREAS, Diabetes treatment costs an estimated $12.9 billion
in Pennsylvania each year, and cardiovascular disease accounts
for an estimated 28% of costs for treating diabetes patients;
and
WHEREAS, Findings from a recent study revealed that 52% of
adults living with type 2 diabetes are unaware that they are at
an increased risk of cardiovascular disease; and
WHEREAS, Appropriate awareness and education about the
cardiovascular risks associated with diabetes can effectively
improve outcomes and reduce the overall financial burden of the
illness; and
WHEREAS, The Department of Health and other relevant partners
seek to promote awareness, education and action related to
diabetes and the link to cardiovascular disease; and
WHEREAS, The month of November is "American Diabetes Month";
therefore be it
RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
week of November 11 through 17, 2018, as "Diabetes and
Cardiovascular Disease Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania; and be
it further
RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage others
to promote education and awareness of the connection between diabetes and cardiovascular disease.