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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, DECEMBER 18, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 14, 2023, as "World Diabetes Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
4 defines diabetes as a chronic disease that affects one's ability
5 to process food into energy properly; and

6 WHEREAS, The inability to process food properly affects an
7 individual's ability to create enough insulin or fully utilize
8 the individual's own insulin; and

9 WHEREAS, Over time, abnormalities with insulin levels can
10 lead to serious health complications, including heart disease,
11 stroke, kidney disease, blindness, limb amputations and early
12 death; and

13 WHEREAS, The three main types of diabetes are Type 1, Type 2
14 and gestational diabetes; and

15 WHEREAS, Prediabetes can be classified as having higher-than-
16 normal blood sugar levels, but not quite high enough to be
17 considered Type 2; and

1 WHEREAS, Having prediabetes is a strong indicator that an
2 individual will eventually be diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Risk factors for diabetes include genetic factors,
5 high blood pressure, low HDL cholesterol or high triglycerides,
6 gestational diabetes during pregnancy, being 45 years of age or
7 older, being a member of a high-risk ethnic group, being
8 overweight and having an inactive lifestyle; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the most recent National Diabetes
10 Statistics Report released by the CDC, approximately 37.3
11 million individuals, or roughly 11.3% of the United States
12 population, live with the disease; and

13 WHEREAS, Of this number approximately 8.3 million, or nearly
14 23%, are undiagnosed; and

15 WHEREAS, Approximately 11.1% of Pennsylvanians live with some
16 form of diagnosed diabetes, with an additional estimated 3%
17 living undiagnosed, according to the most updated information
18 from the American Diabetes Association (ADA) produced in 2021;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, As of 2021, the ADA suggests that 34.1% of the total
21 adult population in Pennsylvania lives with prediabetes, whether
22 diagnosed or not; and

23 WHEREAS, In 2021, diabetes contributed to more than 100,000
24 deaths nationwide; and

25 WHEREAS, The most recent data from the CDC states that
26 diabetes contributed to 4,176 deaths in Pennsylvania; and

27 WHEREAS, Diabetes is one of the six leading causes of health-
28 related deaths in this Commonwealth; and

29 WHEREAS, The rate of deaths related to diabetes has increased
30 over the past four decades; and

1 WHEREAS, There is currently no cure for diabetes but an
2 individual's risk of developing Type 2 diabetes can be greatly
3 reduced through a healthy diet, physical activity and
4 medication; and

5 WHEREAS, The majority of avoidable costs associated with
6 treating diabetes result from inpatient hospitalizations and
7 emergency room visits, which could be reduced by proactively
8 managing diabetes-associated conditions in an outpatient
9 setting; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the Economic Report published by the
11 ADA every five years, as of 2022, the total annual cost of
12 diabetes in the United States reached nearly \$413 billion,
13 including roughly \$307 billion in direct costs and nearly \$106
14 billion in indirect costs; and

15 WHEREAS, Management of diabetes and other chronic conditions
16 is a major cost driver for programs such as Medicaid and
17 Medicare; and

18 WHEREAS, "World Diabetes Day" was first introduced by the
19 International Diabetes Federation and the World Health
20 Organization in 1991 to raise awareness of the escalating
21 incidence of diabetes worldwide; and

22 WHEREAS, November 14 of each year was chosen to mark "World
23 Diabetes Day" because it represents the birthday of Frederick
24 Banting who, along with Charles Best, is credited with the
25 discovery of insulin in 1921; and

26 WHEREAS, "World Diabetes Day" became an official United
27 Nations international observance in 2007 pursuant to the
28 December 2006 resolution of the General Assembly of the United
29 Nations recognizing diabetes as "a chronic, debilitating and
30 costly disease associated with major complications that pose

1 severe risks for families, countries and the entire world";
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize November 14, 2023, as
4 "World Diabetes Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage residents in communities
6 throughout this Commonwealth to recommit to raising awareness of
7 diabetes and the need for education and services for individuals
8 afflicted with diabetes.