

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY D. COSTA, COHEN, CUTLER, BURNS, LONGIETTI, HARKINS, HENNESSEY, SCHLOSSBERG, O'BRIEN, CALTAGIRONE, KINSEY, FREEMAN, YOUNGBLOOD, HARHART, SCHWEYER, MILLARD, BIZZARRO, THOMAS, BOBACK, KIM, HAHN, MACKENZIE, TALLMAN, DEASY, KORTZ, MURT, FRANKEL, VEREB, BAKER, DeLUCA, KAUFFMAN, SAINATO, DiGIROLAMO, GOODMAN, READSHAW, PETRI, MARSICO, FARINA, GRELL, ROSS, BROWNLEE, OBERLANDER, WHEELAND, PICKETT, MAJOR, DONATUCCI, McCARTER AND MAHONEY, JANUARY 21, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 21, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 14, 2015, as "World Diabetes Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, World Diabetes Day was first introduced by the
4 International Diabetes Federation and the World Health
5 Organization in 1991 to raise awareness of the the escalating
6 incidence of diabetes worldwide; and

7 WHEREAS, November 14th of each year was chosen to celebrate
8 World Diabetes Day because it represents the birthday of
9 Frederick Banting, who, along with Charles Best, is credited
10 with the discovery of insulin in 1921; and

11 WHEREAS, World Diabetes Day became an official United Nations
12 World Health Day beginning in 2007 after the United Nations
13 General Assembly passed a resolution in December 2006
14 recognizing diabetes as "a chronic, debilitating and costly

1 disease associated with major complications that pose severe
2 risks for families, countries and the entire world"; and

3 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
4 reports that diabetes affects nearly 900,000 adults 18 years of
5 age and older in Pennsylvania, about 9% of the population; and

6 WHEREAS, Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in
7 Pennsylvania; and

8 WHEREAS, There are several risk factors for diabetes
9 including genetics, high blood pressure, low HDL cholesterol or
10 high triglycerides, gestational diabetes during pregnancy, being
11 45 years of age or over, being a member of a high-risk ethnic
12 group, as well as being overweight and having an inactive
13 lifestyle; and

14 WHEREAS, There is currently no cure for diabetes but the risk
15 can be dramatically reduced with healthy eating, physical
16 activity and medication; and

17 WHEREAS, The goals of the Diabetes Prevention and Control
18 Program within the Pennsylvania Department of Health are to help
19 prevent diabetes as well as complications, disabilities and
20 burdens associated with diabetes, and to eliminate diabetes-
21 related health disparities; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
23 November 14, 2015, as "World Diabetes Day" in Pennsylvania; and
24 be it further

25 RESOLVED, That all citizens, government agencies, public and
26 private institutions, businesses and schools be urged to
27 recommit our communities to increasing awareness and
28 understanding of diabetes and the need for appropriate and
29 accessible services for all people with diabetes.