

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 569 Session of
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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 4, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging all health care practitioners in this Commonwealth
2 to educate and discuss the warning signs and symptoms of Type
3 1 diabetes with the parents or guardians of each child under
4 their care.

5 WHEREAS, Diabetes is a chronic disease that affects an
6 estimated 29.1 million Americans, or 9.3% of the population, on
7 a daily basis; and

8 WHEREAS, Approximately 1.2 million adults and children in
9 this Commonwealth are living with diabetes and it is estimated
10 that over 517,000 Pennsylvanians are undiagnosed; and

11 WHEREAS, The prevalence of diabetes in this Commonwealth has
12 nearly doubled since 1995 and it is the 7th leading cause of
13 death in Pennsylvania; and

14 WHEREAS, Type I diabetes, previously called juvenile-onset
15 diabetes, occurs when the body does not produce insulin, a
16 hormone that is necessary to convert sugar, or glucose, into

1 energy; and

2 WHEREAS, Only 5% of diabetics have Type 1 diabetes and it is
3 typically diagnosed in children and young adults; and

4 WHEREAS, With the help of insulin therapy and other
5 treatments, young children and adolescents can learn to manage
6 their condition and live long, healthy lives; and

7 WHEREAS, Education concerning Type 1 diabetes is critical in
8 raising awareness and in diagnosing and treating the condition
9 effectively; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
11 health care practitioners in this Commonwealth to educate and
12 discuss the warning signs and symptoms of Type 1 diabetes with
13 the parents or guardians of each child under their care.