
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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FREEMAN, NEILSON, PAYNE, EVERETT AND DEASY, OCTOBER 17, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 17, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 14, 2016, 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 escalating
6 incidence of diabetes worldwide; and

7 WHEREAS, November 14 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
12 Nations World Health Day beginning in 2007 after the United
13 Nations 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 or older in Pennsylvania, which represents approximately 9%
6 of the population; and

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

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

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

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

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
24 November 14, 2016, as "World Diabetes Day" in Pennsylvania; and
25 be it further

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