

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 98 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY D. COSTA, DeLUCA, CALTAGIRONE, BAKER, PICKETT, WATSON, BURNS, SCHLOSSBERG, HENNESSEY, KINSEY, FREEMAN, DiGIROLAMO, LONGIETTI, BIZZARRO, SAINATO, MACKENZIE, DUSH, SONNEY, YOUNGBLOOD, TOOIL, McNEILL, MURT, RYAN, DRISCOLL, SCHLEGEL CULVER, MILLARD, HAHN, O'NEILL, R. BROWN, O'BRIEN, V. BROWN, READSHAW AND NEILSON, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 14, 2017, 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 international observance beginning in 2007 after the
13 General Assembly of the United Nations passed a resolution in
14 December 2006 recognizing diabetes as "a chronic, debilitating
15 and costly disease associated with major complications that pose

severe risks for families, countries and the entire world"; and

WHEREAS, The American Diabetes Association reports that approximately 1,455,000 people in Pennsylvania, or more than 12% of the adult population, have diabetes; and

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize November 14, 2017, as "World Diabetes Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

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