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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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THOMAS, BIZZARRO, DUSH, SONNEY, HENNESSEY, RYAN, BOBACK,  
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BURNS, READSHAW, MILLARD, WARD, YOUNGBLOOD, J. McNEILL AND  
WARREN, OCTOBER 16, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 16, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of November 2018 as "National Diabetes  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
4 defines diabetes as a chronic disease that affects how an  
5 individual's body turns food into energy; and

6 WHEREAS, When an individual has diabetes, the individual's  
7 body either does not create enough insulin or is unable to  
8 properly utilize its own insulin, resulting in an increased  
9 level of blood sugar; and

10 WHEREAS, Individuals with diabetes can develop high blood  
11 pressure which, when combined with uncontrolled levels of blood  
12 sugar, can lead to serious health complications, including heart  
13 disease, stroke, kidney disease, blindness, amputations of the  
14 legs and feet and early death; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2017, 30.3 million Americans, or 9.4% of the  
16 population, had diabetes; and

1       WHEREAS, Approximately 1.25 million American children and  
2 adults have type 1 diabetes; and

3       WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes, previously known as juvenile  
4 diabetes, is usually diagnosed in children and young adults; and

5       WHEREAS, Approximately 5% of individuals with diabetes have  
6 type 1 diabetes; and

7       WHEREAS, Children and young adults can learn to manage type 1  
8 diabetes with the help of insulin therapy and other treatments  
9 and go on to live long, healthy lives; and

10       WHEREAS, Each year, 1.5 million Americans are diagnosed with  
11 diabetes; and

12       WHEREAS, In the United States in 2015, 79,535 death  
13 certificates listed diabetes as the underlying cause of death  
14 and a total of 252,806 death certificates listed diabetes as an  
15 underlying or contributing cause of death; and

16       WHEREAS, Diabetes is currently the seventh leading cause of  
17 death in the United States; and

18       WHEREAS, In an effort to focus the nation's attention on this  
19 ever-growing disease and its impact on millions of Americans,  
20 November has been recognized as "National Diabetes Month"; and

21       WHEREAS, Advocates nationwide join together as a united  
22 community during this month to raise awareness, promote ongoing  
23 diabetes education and support those living with diabetes; and

24       WHEREAS, The American Diabetes Association is dedicated to  
25 the research, education and advocacy necessary to improve the  
26 lives of all individuals living with diabetes and its  
27 potentially deadly consequences; and

28       WHEREAS, Continuing advocacy and healthy disease management  
29 promotes the American Diabetes Association's vision of a life  
30 free of diabetes and all of its burdens; therefore be it

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
2 month of November 2018 as "National Diabetes Month" in  
3 Pennsylvania and join the movement to stop diabetes.