
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 615 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY OBERLANDER, HILL-EVANS, SAINATO, HENNESSEY,
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SCHLEGEL CULVER, PICKETT, HAHN, WARREN AND ROEBUCK,
NOVEMBER 19, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 14, 2019, 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, "World Diabetes Day" became an official United
8 Nations international observance beginning in 2007 after the
9 General Assembly of the United Nations passed a resolution in
10 December 2006 recognizing diabetes as "a chronic, debilitating
11 and costly disease associated with major complications that pose
12 severe risks for families, countries and the entire world"; and

13 WHEREAS, The theme of "World Diabetes Day" in 2019 is "Family
14 and Diabetes" to raise awareness of the impact that diabetes has
15 on the family and support network of those affected and promote
16 the role of family in the management, care, prevention and

1 education of diabetes; and

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

5 WHEREAS, Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in
6 this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Several risk factors contribute to diabetes,
8 including genetics, high blood pressure, low HDL cholesterol or
9 high triglycerides, gestational diabetes during pregnancy, being
10 45 years of age or older, being a member of a high-risk ethnic
11 group, being overweight and having an inactive lifestyle; and

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

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

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
21 November 14, 2019, as "World Diabetes Day" in Pennsylvania; and
22 be it further

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