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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JANUARY 10, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of February 9 through 15, 2020, as  
2 "Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes Awareness Week" in  
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, February is American Heart Month; and

5 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
6 reports that cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of  
7 women and men in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular diseases, including heart disease and  
9 stroke, are the nation's leading cause of death and disability,  
10 with more than 1 million Americans suffering a new or recurrent  
11 coronary attack each year and more than 795,000 suffering a new  
12 or recurrent stroke; and

13 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death  
14 associated with diabetes due to complications of diabetes such  
15 as high blood sugar, high blood pressure and obesity; and

16 WHEREAS, In the United States, two out of three deaths of

1 people with type 2 diabetes are attributed to cardiovascular  
2 disease, which accounts for 68% of deaths in people with type 2  
3 diabetes; and

4 WHEREAS, Findings from a recent study revealed that 52% of  
5 adults living with type 2 diabetes are unaware that they are at  
6 an increased risk for developing cardiovascular disease; and

7 WHEREAS, The total health care costs for the treatment of  
8 diabetes were reported to be approximately \$327 billion  
9 annually, with direct medical costs accounting for \$237 billion  
10 of the total costs in 2017, and cardiovascular disease  
11 accounting for 28% of costs for treating diabetes patients; and

12 WHEREAS, Appropriate awareness and education about the  
13 cardiovascular risks associated with diabetes can effectively  
14 improve outcomes and reduce the overall financial burden of this  
15 illness; and

16 WHEREAS, The Department of Health and other relevant partners  
17 seek to promote awareness, education and action related to  
18 diabetes and its link to cardiovascular disease; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
20 week of February 9 through 15, 2020, as "Cardiovascular Disease  
21 and Diabetes Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage others  
23 to promote education and awareness of the connection between  
24 cardiovascular disease and diabetes.