
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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JUNE 5, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 5, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2023 as "Diabetes Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Diabetes, a serious disease with potentially life-
4 threatening complications, occurs when the body fails to process
5 or produce enough insulin to be used to make energy; and

6 WHEREAS, In the United States, more than 34 million
7 individuals, including more than 1 million adult Pennsylvanians,
8 have been diagnosed with diabetes; and

9 WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes occurs when the pancreas stops
10 producing insulin, and Type 2 diabetes occurs when the pancreas
11 does not make enough insulin; and

12 WHEREAS, An additional 88 million individuals in the United
13 States are at risk of developing Type 2 diabetes; and

14 WHEREAS, Approximately every 21 seconds, someone in the
15 United States is diagnosed with diabetes; and

16 WHEREAS, Diabetes is increasing in young and middle-aged

1 adults at an alarming rate, and the disease is more common among
2 American Indian or Alaska Native, non-Hispanic Black, Hispanic
3 and Asian individuals than non-Hispanic White individuals; and

4 WHEREAS, Diabetes is a leading cause of death in Pennsylvania
5 and is a key driver in many disabling complications that include
6 blindness, kidney failure, heart attacks, strokes and lower limb
7 amputation; and

8 WHEREAS, One in three adults in this Commonwealth have
9 diabetes or a high risk of having prediabetes, a health
10 condition in which blood glucose levels are higher than normal
11 but not yet high enough to be medically diagnosed as diabetes;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The personal toll that diabetes takes is a
14 tremendous one, but the disease also represents an enormous
15 financial burden; and

16 WHEREAS, Diabetes is the most expensive chronic condition in
17 the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, A 2017 estimate for the annual medical costs for
19 diagnosed diabetes in Pennsylvania was \$9.3 billion, and further
20 impacts on workers contributed an additional annual cost of \$3.5
21 billion; and

22 WHEREAS, One out of every four dollars spent in the United
23 States' health care system is used to treat an individual with
24 diabetes; and

25 WHEREAS, Much can be done to put a stop to the diabetes
26 epidemic, including improving health care access, coverage and
27 affordability, supporting healthy diets and addressing barriers
28 to good health; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
30 month of November 2023 as "Diabetes Awareness Month" in

1 Pennsylvania; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
3 residents to recognize "Diabetes Awareness Month" in
4 Pennsylvania and be part of the effort to fight and change the
5 trajectory of this deadly disease.