

State of Wisconsin



2023 Senate Joint Resolution 89

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: proclaiming November 2023 to be Diabetes Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

Whereas, November has been established nationally as Diabetes Awareness Month by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the American Diabetes Association, and others; and

Whereas, diabetes is a chronic disease for which there is currently no known cure and is the eighth-leading cause of death in the United States; and

Whereas, individuals with type 1 diabetes cannot produce any of their own insulin or amylin, hormones needed to help regulate sugar and food stores in the body; and

Whereas, individuals with type 1 diabetes are dependent on artificial, injected insulin; and

Whereas, individuals with type 2 diabetes, or adult-onset diabetes, experience resistance to their own insulin or amylin and often do not exhibit symptoms in the early stages of the disease; and

Whereas, there is a lack of understanding of other types of diabetes, including gestational diabetes, latent autoimmune diabetes in adults, monogenic diabetes, and others; and

Whereas, the United States is experiencing an insulin pricing crisis, with one in four individuals with type 1 diabetes reporting they ration insulin; and

Whereas, other supplies for monitoring diabetes, including glucometers, continuous glucose monitors, and insulin pumps, continue to rise in price; and

Whereas, these increasing prices have created barriers to receiving proper medical care and achieving healthy control of blood glucose levels; and

Whereas, the serious long-term complications of uncontrolled glucose levels may include blindness, lower extremity amputation, heart disease, kidney failure, and premature death; and

Whereas, Wisconsin and the United States are facing a diabetes epidemic, with the most recent statistics indicating over 541,000 individuals in Wisconsin are currently living with the disease; and

Whereas, the keys to reducing the incidence of type 2 diabetes and the complications associated with all forms of diabetes are education, early detection, control, proper treatment, and continued research; and

Whereas, the earlier a person is diagnosed with diabetes and receives treatment, the better the person's chances are for avoiding diabetes complications; and

Whereas, increased awareness of the symptoms and complications of diabetes will promote improved health outcomes for individuals living with diabetes; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature formally recognizes November 2023 as Diabetes Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Chris Kapenga
President of the Senate

Date

Richard A. Champagne
Acting Senate Chief Clerk