
ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: proclaiming November 2015 as diabetes awareness month.

Whereas, diabetes is a devastating chronic illness that affects how a person's body uses blood sugar or glucose; and

Whereas, when there is an absence or insufficient production of insulin, which lowers blood glucose, a person will be afflicted with diabetes; and

Whereas, there are two types of diabetes, referred to as type 1 and type 2 diabetes, and that, regardless of which type a person may have, if a person has diabetes the person has too much glucose in his or her blood, which can lead to serious and chronic health problems; and

Whereas, in 2012, 9.3 percent of the United States, or 29.1 million Americans, had diabetes and of that 29.1 million, 8.1 million were undiagnosed cases; and

Whereas, in Wisconsin diabetes affects over 475,000 adults and 4,500 children and adolescents, resulting in an estimated annual \$6.15 billion in health care costs; and

Whereas, diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States; and

Whereas, diabetes may lead to severe complications, such as heart disease, kidney disease, blindness, and amputations, many of whose symptoms and costs could be prevented if the proper measures are taken; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Diabetes Prevention and Control Program (DPCP) is dedicated to improving the health of people at risk for or who already have diabetes; and

Whereas, the first step in preventing diabetes is the distribution of resources and information and alerting the public about the severity of diabetes; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature hereby proclaims November 2015 as Diabetes Awareness Month in Wisconsin; and be it further

Resolved, That the legislature considers it vital that we educate all of our citizens, and most importantly our youth, on the severity of diabetes, the accompanying health risks, and the measures that can be taken to prevent diabetes.

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Mary Lazich
President of the Senate

Date

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Senate Chief Clerk