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2	Whereas, diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death in the United States; and
3	Whereas, diabetes is the leading cause of new cases of blindness, and
4	individuals with diabetes are at a much greater risk of developing kidney disease,
5	heart disease and stroke; and
6	Whereas, pregnant women with diabetes face a greater chance of delivering a
7	baby with birth defects, and the newborn is 2 to 3 times more likely to die within the
8	first month; and
9	Whereas, health care and other costs directly resulting from diabetes are
10	extremely high, about \$92 billion annually, making diabetes one of the most costly
11	health problems in America today; and
12	Whereas, approximately 2,200 people are diagnosed daily with diabetes, while
13	an alarming 5.4 million people nationwide are not yet aware they have the disease;
14	and

Relating to: declaring November as Diabetes Awareness Month.

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Whereas, diabetes self-management and awareness about the disease are necessary elements in keeping diabetes under control and reducing complications; and

Whereas, individuals with diabetes, and their families, make a conscious effort each day to manage a healthy lifestyle and to maintain their overall health; and

Whereas, through increased knowledge of diabetes and improved patient care of those diagnosed, the lives of individuals living with a disease that has no cure can be improved; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature of

the state of Wisconsin designates November of each year as "Diabetes Awareness Month".

12 (END)