

## 1999 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25

1     **Relating to:** declaring November as Diabetes Awareness Month.

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

