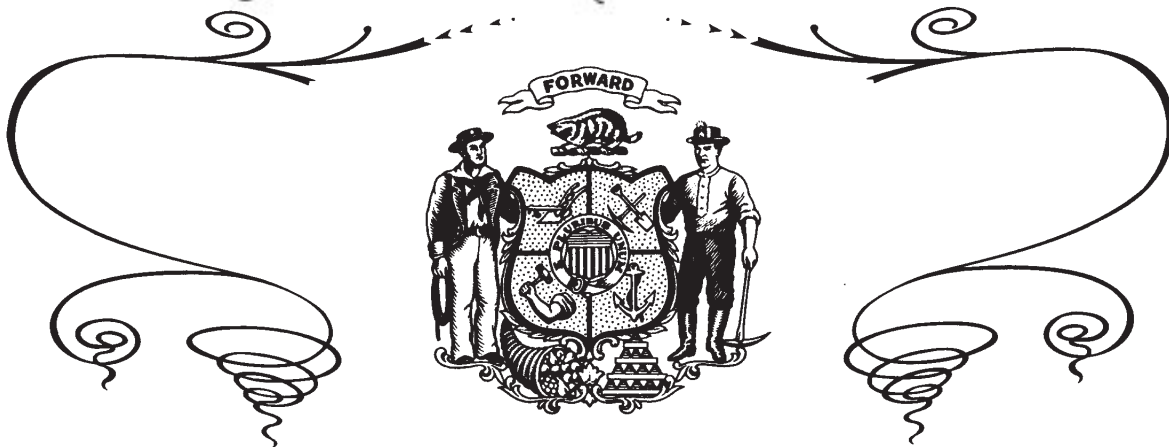


State of Wisconsin



1999 Senate Joint Resolution 25

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: declaring November as Diabetes Awareness Month.

Whereas, diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death in the United States; and
Whereas, diabetes is the leading cause of new cases of blindness, and individuals with diabetes are at a much greater risk of developing kidney disease, heart disease and stroke; and

Whereas, pregnant women with diabetes face a greater chance of delivering a baby with birth defects, and the newborn is 2 to 3 times more likely to die within the first month; and

Whereas, health care and other costs directly resulting from diabetes are extremely high, about \$92 billion annually, making diabetes one of the most costly health problems in America today; and

Whereas, approximately 2,200 people are diagnosed daily with diabetes, while an alarming 5.4 million people nationwide are not yet aware they have the disease; and

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".

Representative Scott R. Jensen
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Fred A. Risser
President of the Senate

Date

Donald J. Schneider
Senate Chief Clerk