

State of Misconsin 2007 - 2008 LEGISLATURE

## **2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 75**

1	<b>Relating to:</b> recognition of November as Diabetes Awareness Month.
2	Whereas, November has been established nationally as Diabetes Awareness
3	Month by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the American Diabetes
4	Association, and others; and
5	Whereas, diabetes is a chronic disease for which there is currently no known
6	cure, and is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States; and
7	Whereas, individuals with Type 1 diabetes cannot produce any of their own
8	insulin or amylin, hormones needed to help regulate sugar and food stores in the
9	body; and
10	Whereas, individuals with Type 2, or adult-onset, diabetes cannot produce
11	enough of their own insulin or amylin, and often do not exhibit symptoms in the early
12	stages of the disease; and
13	Whereas, the serious long–term complications of high blood sugar levels may
14	include blindness, lower–extremity amputation, heart disease, kidney failure, and
15	premature death; and

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1	Whereas, Wisconsin and the U.S. are facing a diabetes epidemic, with most
2	recent statistics indicating over 300,000 children and adults in Wisconsin are
3	currently living with the disease; and
4	Whereas, the keys to reducing the incidence of Type 2, and the complications
5	associated with all forms of, diabetes are education, early detection, control, proper
6	treatment, and continued research; and
7	Whereas, the earlier a person is diagnosed with diabetes and receives
8	treatment, the better the person's chances are for avoiding diabetes complications;
9	and
10	Whereas, the first line of treatment recommended by all treatment standards
11	is diet and exercise — a healthy diet and the loss of excess weight can have a positive
12	impact on the body's ability to fight off disease; and
13	Whereas, it has been shown that modest weight loss may help to lower blood
14	sugar, blood pressure, and improve the level of fats in the bloodstream, which is
15	beneficial to the treatment of diabetes and other metabolic diseases; and
16	Whereas, in recent years there has been an alarming increase in the number
17	of younger people being diagnosed with diabetes attributable to lifestyle and
18	excessive body mass; now, therefore, be it
19	<b>Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That</b> the Wisconsin
20	legislature formally recognizes November as Diabetes Awareness Month in
21	Wisconsin; and, be it further
22	<b>Resolved, That</b> the legislature formally recognizes the work and success of the
23	Wisconsin Diabetes Prevention and Control Program (WDPCP) in educating citizens
24	and health providers alike about diabetes and the latest diagnosis, treatment, and
25	control guidelines; and, be it further

*Resolved, That* the legislature recognizes the importance of continuing to fund
 the WDPCP sufficiently to carry forth its mission for Wisconsin; and, be it further

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- **Resolved, That** to reduce the rate of diabetes and its complications among high-risk populations, individuals are encouraged to seek early screening and early
- treatment while healthcare providers are encouraged to continue improving care for
  the control of diabetes and the treatment of major complications; and, be it further
- *Resolved, That* healthcare providers are encouraged to adopt and follow
  generally recognized clinical guidelines outlined by the WDPCP, including
  recommendations and standards that identify the reduction of body mass index
  (BMI), cardiovascular risk issues, and glycemic control as key factors to managing
  diabetes; and, be it further
- 12 **Resolved, That** healthcare providers are encouraged, as they detect and treat 13 the emerging diabetes epidemic, to engage in an aggressive program with their 14 patients, including dietary counseling and exercise, measurements of body weight, 15 and other associated risk factors; and, be it further
- *Resolved, That* the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
  resolution to the secretary of the Department of Health and Family Services, and to
  the WDPCP Program Director.
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