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## 2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 102

December 7, 2021 – Introduced by Representatives Snodgrass, Cabral-Guevara, S. Rodriguez, Anderson, Andraca, Armstrong, Cabrera, Conley, Considine, Dittrich, Drake, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hong, Horlacher, Milroy, Moore Omokunde, Murphy, Mursau, Neubauer, Ohnstad, Penterman, Rozar, Shankland, Shelton, Sinicki, Spreitzer, Thiesfeldt, Tusler, Vruwink and Subeck, cosponsored by Senators Johnson, Agard, Carpenter, Darling, Larson, Pfaff, Ringhand, Roys, Smith and L. Taylor. Referred to Committee on Rules.

| 1  | Relating to: proclaiming November 2021 to be Diabetes Awareness Month in           |
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| 2  | Wisconsin.   |
| 3  | Whereas, November has been established nationally as Diabetes Awareness            |
| 4  | Month by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the American Diabetes          |
| 5  | Association, and others; and   |
| 6  | Whereas, diabetes is a chronic disease for which there is currently no known       |
| 7  | cure and is the eighth leading cause of death in the United States; and            |
| 8  | Whereas, individuals with type 1 diabetes cannot produce any of their own          |
| 9  | insulin or amylin, hormones needed to help regulate sugar and food stores in the   |
| 10 | body; and  |
| 11 | Whereas, individuals with type 1 diabetes are dependent on artificial, injected    |
| 12 | insulin; and   |
| 13 | Whereas, individuals with type 2 diabetes, or adult-onset diabetes, experience     |
| 14 | resistance to their own insulin or amylin and often do not exhibit symptoms in the |

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Whereas, there is a lack of understanding of other types of diabetes, including gestational diabetes, latent autoimmune diabetes in adults, monogenic diabetes, and others; and

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Whereas, the United States is experiencing an insulin pricing crisis, with one in four individuals with type 1 diabetes reporting they ration insulin; and

Whereas, other supplies for monitoring diabetes, including glucometers, continuous glucose monitors, and insulin pumps, continue to rise in price; and

Whereas, these increasing prices have created barriers to receiving proper medical care and achieving healthy control of blood glucose levels; and

Whereas, the serious long-term complications of uncontrolled glucose levels may include blindness, lower extremity amputation, heart disease, kidney failure, and premature death; and

Whereas, Wisconsin and the United States are facing a diabetes epidemic, with the most recent statistics indicating over 517,000 children and adults in Wisconsin are currently living with the disease; and

Whereas, the keys to reducing the incidence of type 2 diabetes and the complications associated with all forms of diabetes are education, early detection, control, proper treatment, and continued research; and

Whereas, the earlier a person is diagnosed with diabetes and receives treatment, the better the person's chances are for avoiding diabetes complications; and

Whereas, increased awareness of the symptoms and complications of diabetes will promote improved health outcomes for individuals living with diabetes; now, therefore, be it

- Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
  Legislature formally recognizes November 2021 as Diabetes Awareness Month in
  Wisconsin.
- 4 (END)