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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;
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