

Senate Resolution 361

By: Senator Watson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia residents who have Type 1 Diabetes and whose families
2 continually educate and advocate and recognizing March 14, 2019, as Type 1 Diabetes Day
3 at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Type 1 Diabetes is an autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas stops
5 producing insulin, a hormone that enables people to produce energy from food. It occurs
6 when the body's immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells in the
7 pancreas, called the beta cells. Its onset has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle. There is no
8 prevention for Type 1 Diabetes and, at present, no cure; and

9 WHEREAS, Type 1 Diabetes strikes both children and adults at any age. It comes on
10 suddenly, causes dependence on artificial insulin for life, and carries the constant threat of
11 devastating complications up to and including death; and

12 WHEREAS, there are more than three million children and adults living with Type 1
13 Diabetes; and

14 WHEREAS, more than 8,000 children and an unknown number of adults in Georgia live
15 with Type 1 Diabetes; and

16 WHEREAS, each year, there are approximately 500 children and an unknown number of
17 adults who are diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in the State of Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, there is a need for education to increase knowledge, encourage advocacy, and
19 promote safe care for those living with Type 1 Diabetes; and

20 WHEREAS, the goal is making insulin affordable along with the ultimate goal of finding a
21 cure and turning Type 1 into Type None so that people can live fulfilling lives.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, that the members of this body
23 commend Georgia residents who have Type 1 Diabetes and recognize March 14, 2019, as
24 Type 1 Diabetes Day at the state capitol.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
27 press.