## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 141 Session of 2023

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JUNE 5, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 5, 2023

## A RESOLUTION

1 2	Designating the month of November 2023 as "Diabetes Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.
3	WHEREAS, Diabetes, a serious disease with potentially life-
4	threatening complications, occurs when the body fails to process
5	or produce enough insulin to be used to make energy; and
6	WHEREAS, In the United States, more than 34 million
7	individuals, including more than 1 million adult Pennsylvanians,
8	have been diagnosed with diabetes; and
9	WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes occurs when the pancreas stops
10	producing insulin, and Type 2 diabetes occurs when the pancreas
11	does not make enough insulin; and
12	WHEREAS, An additional 88 million individuals in the United
13	States are at risk of developing Type 2 diabetes; and
14	WHEREAS, Approximately every 21 seconds, someone in the
15	United States is diagnosed with diabetes; and
16	WHEREAS, Diabetes is increasing in young and middle-aged

1 adults at an alarming rate, and the disease is more common among 2 American Indian or Alaska Native, non-Hispanic Black, Hispanic 3 and Asian individuals than non-Hispanic White individuals; and 4 WHEREAS, Diabetes is a leading cause of death in Pennsylvania 5 and is a key driver in many disabling complications that include 6 blindness, kidney failure, heart attacks, strokes and lower limb 7 amputation; and

8 WHEREAS, One in three adults in this Commonwealth have 9 diabetes or a high risk of having prediabetes, a health 10 condition in which blood glucose levels are higher than normal 11 but not yet high enough to be medically diagnosed as diabetes; 12 and

13 WHEREAS, The personal toll that diabetes takes is a 14 tremendous one, but the disease also represents an enormous 15 financial burden; and

16 WHEREAS, Diabetes is the most expensive chronic condition in 17 the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, A 2017 estimate for the annual medical costs for 19 diagnosed diabetes in Pennsylvania was \$9.3 billion, and further 20 impacts on workers contributed an additional annual cost of \$3.5 21 billion; and

22 WHEREAS, One out of every four dollars spent in the United 23 States' health care system is used to treat an individual with 24 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Much can be done to put a stop to the diabetes epidemic, including improving health care access, coverage and affordability, supporting healthy diets and addressing barriers to good health; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the 30 month of November 2023 as "Diabetes Awareness Month" in

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1 Pennsylvania; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all 3 residents to recognize "Diabetes Awareness Month" in 4 Pennsylvania and be part of the effort to fight and change the 5 trajectory of this deadly disease.