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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Diabetes affects more than 29 million Americans,
3 including approximately 1.3 million Illinoisans, or 12.8% of
4 the population in Illinois, and is a chronic condition that
5 occurs when the body does not properly produce or use the
6 hormone insulin, which regulates blood sugar; and

7 WHEREAS, Type 2 diabetes is the most common type of
8 diabetes, representing an estimated 90 to 95% of all diagnosed
9 adult diabetes in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death
11 nationally; and

12 WHEREAS, Of the more than 29 million people who have
13 diabetes nationally, more than eight million are undiagnosed
14 and unaware they have the disease; and

15 WHEREAS, The estimated total cost of diabetes in Illinois
16 is an estimated \$12.2 billion each year due to serious health
17 complications, including heart disease, stroke, amputation,
18 end-stage kidney disease, blindness, and death; and

19 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease, a class of diseases
20 involving the heart or blood vessels, is the leading cause of

1 death associated with diabetes due to complications associated
2 with the disease, such as high blood sugar, high blood
3 pressure, and obesity, which can result in heart attacks, heart
4 failure, and stroke; and

5 WHEREAS, People with Type 2 diabetes are two to four times
6 more likely to develop cardiovascular disease; and

7 WHEREAS, The prevalence of Type 2 diabetes increases with
8 age and affects more than one in four seniors over the age of
9 65 in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, A recent study shows that 52% of adults living
11 with type 2 diabetes are unaware that they are at increased
12 risk of cardiovascular disease; and

13 WHEREAS, Diabetes costs America \$245 billion annually,
14 with direct medical costs accounting for \$176 billion of the
15 total costs in 2012; and

16 WHEREAS, Appropriate awareness and education about the
17 cardiovascular risks associated with diabetes can effectively
18 improve the overall outcome and reduce the financial burden of
19 the illness; and

20 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Public Health and other

1 partners are seeking to promote awareness, education, and
2 action related to diabetes and the link to cardiovascular
3 disease; and

4 WHEREAS, It is essential that state agencies, public health
5 authorities, health care providers, insurers, and other health
6 care stakeholders promote education and awareness of the
7 connection between diabetes and cardiovascular disease, risk
8 factors and opportunities to promote better health for
9 individuals and populations at risk; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 declare November of 2017 as "Diabetes and Heart Disease
13 Awareness Month" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we encourage organizations to raise
15 awareness of and address the connection between diabetes and
16 cardiovascular disease.