

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 159

Rep. VanWoerkom offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare November 2023 as Diabetes Awareness
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Approximately 965,000 adults and children in Michigan
4 are affected by Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes and approximately 37.3
5 million Americans are affected nationwide; and

6 Whereas, Approximately 63,200 new people are diagnosed with
7 diabetes each year in Michigan; and

8 Whereas, Type 1 diabetes typically presents during childhood
9 or adolescence, but can also develop in adults; and

10 Whereas, The warning signs of Type 1 diabetes include
11 excessive thirst, frequent urination, rapid weight loss, stomach
12 pain, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, and weakness, and are often
13 mistaken for the flu, strep throat, a growth spurt, or a urinary

1 tract infection; and

2 Whereas, In 2019, approximately 283,000 children and
3 adolescents younger than 20 years old had diagnosed diabetes in the
4 United States; and

5 Whereas, The warning signs of Type 2 diabetes include
6 increased thirst, frequent urination, increased appetite, weight
7 loss, fatigue, and dark patches of skin; and

8 Whereas, As childhood obesity increases, there is an ongoing
9 shift of Type 2 Diabetes from an adult disease to one that affects
10 children; and

11 Whereas, The 2022 direct medical cost of diabetes in Michigan
12 was estimated at \$7 billion; and

13 Whereas, There is not a cure for Types 1 or 2 diabetes, but
14 the diseases may be manageable through diet, exercise, insulin
15 therapy or other medications; now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
17 this legislative body declare November 2023 as Diabetes Awareness
18 Month in the state of Michigan.