

Senators Moolenaar, Hansen, Booher, Gregory, Bieda, Green, Anderson, Rocca, Jones, Meekhof, Emmons, Colbeck, Jansen and Proos offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 96.

A resolution to declare November 2011 as Diabetes Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Diabetes can be a disabling illness that affects men and women of all ages, races, and ethnicities; and

Whereas, Diabetes was the seventh-leading cause of death in the U.S. in 2007, and if current trends continue, 1 in 3 adults will have diabetes by 2050; and

Whereas, The Michigan Department of Community Health estimates that over 1.6 million Michigan residents have diabetes, and 364,400 of those are undiagnosed. Additionally, more than 2 million have prediabetes, and countless other Michigan citizens are high-risk for developing diabetes; and

Whereas, Lifestyle interventions such as losing weight and becoming more physically active can often prevent or delay type 2 diabetes; and

Whereas, The at-risk patient population is a significant concern. There is an equal concern for people who have already been diagnosed with diabetes who do not achieve control of their blood glucose levels, which puts them at risk for serious complications, including cardiovascular disease, blindness, nerve damage, amputation, and kidney disease and kidney failure; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That November 2011 be hereby recognized as Michigan Diabetes Awareness Month; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate supports awareness campaigns and public education programs on how to manage and recognize the symptoms of diabetes. Once diagnosed, we urge people to work with their health care providers to gain control of their blood glucose levels and to manage and prevent complications caused by diabetes; and it be further

Resolved, That this legislative body supports efforts to prevent diabetes and educate providers about treatment standards, tailored to individual patients, for managing diabetes; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.