

Rep. Sak offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 136.

A resolution recognizing June 17-23, 2007, as Juvenile Diabetes Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Juvenile or type 1 diabetes is one of the leading chronic diseases in children and adolescents. There is no cure; and

Whereas, People with type 1 diabetes, an autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone that enables people to get energy from food, must test their blood sugar up to four times or more a day. Then they must administer insulin through multiple, daily injections, or the use of a continuous insulin infusion pump; and

Whereas, Each year more than 13,000 children in the U.S. are diagnosed with type 1 diabetes; and

Whereas, This chronic, debilitating disease affects every organ system in the body and usually strikes in childhood, adolescence or young adulthood, and lasts a lifetime; and

Whereas, Diabetes kills one American every three minutes and is the sixth leading cause of death reported in the United States. Life expectancy for people with diabetes is shortened by an average of 7-10 years; and

Whereas, Michigan youth will be among 150 children throughout the country who will represent their state on Capitol Hill to remind Congress and the administration of the critical need to find a cure for a disease they live with every day - type 1 (juvenile) diabetes; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize June 17-23, 2007, as Juvenile Diabetes Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.