

Reps. Callton, Barnett, Brown, Byrum, Darany, Denby, Geiss, Haines, Heise, Hooker, Huuki, Kandreas, Knollenberg, LeBlanc, Liss, Poleski, Slavens and Tyler offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 154.

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

Whereas, Diabetes is common, costly, disabling, and shortens life expectancy. It is 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 United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 25.8 million people in the U.S. have diabetes (18.8 million diagnosed and 7.0 million undiagnosed), and the Michigan Department of Community Health estimates that over 1.6 million Michigan residents have diabetes (701,000 diagnosed and 364,400 undiagnosed), more than 2 million have prediabetes and many more are at high-risk for developing diabetes; and

Whereas, The risk factors for developing diabetes are being obese or overweight, physical inactivity, having a family history of diabetes, being a part of an ethnic minority, having gestational diabetes (diabetes while pregnant) or being exposed to agent orange in Vietnam. However, lifestyle interventions such as losing weight and becoming more physically active can often prevent or delay type 2 diabetes; and

Whereas, While 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. This 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 House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare November 2011 as Diabetes Awareness Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives supports awareness campaigns and public education programs on how to manage and recognize the symptoms of diabetes and once diagnosed urges people to work with their healthcare providers to gain control of their blood glucose levels and to manage and prevent complications caused by diabetes; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives supports efforts to prevent diabetes and educate providers about treatment standards tailored to individual patients for managing diabetes.