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2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

March 27, 2015 – Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR, RINGHAND, NASS, HARRIS DODD, MARKLEIN, WIRCH, OLSEN, VINEHOUT and RISSER, cosponsored by Representatives JOHNSON, BARCA, BERNIER, KOLSTE, PETRYK, E. BROOKS, JORGENSEN, GOYKE, SPREITZER, HEBL, SINICKI, ZAMARRIPA and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming November 2015 as diabetes awareness month.

2 Whereas, diabetes is a devastating chronic illness that affects how a person's
3 body uses blood sugar or glucose; and

4 Whereas, when there is an absence or insufficient production of insulin, which
5 lowers blood glucose, a person will be afflicted with diabetes; and

6 Whereas, there are two types of diabetes, referred to as type 1 and type 2
7 diabetes, and that, regardless of which type a person may have, if a person has
8 diabetes the person has too much glucose in his or her blood, which can lead to serious
9 and chronic health problems; and

10 Whereas, in 2012, 9.3 percent of the United States, or 29.1 million Americans,
11 had diabetes and of that 29.1 million, 8.1 million were undiagnosed cases; and

12 Whereas, in Wisconsin diabetes affects over 475,000 adults and 4,500 children
13 and adolescents, resulting in an estimated annual \$6.15 billion in health care costs;
14 and

1 Whereas, diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States;
2 and

3 Whereas, diabetes may lead to severe complications, such as heart disease,
4 kidney disease, blindness, and amputations, many of whose symptoms and costs
5 could be prevented if the proper measures are taken; and

6 Whereas, the Wisconsin Diabetes Prevention and Control Program (DPCP) is
7 dedicated to improving the health of people at risk for or who already have diabetes;
8 and

9 Whereas, the first step in preventing diabetes is the distribution of resources
10 and information and alerting the public about the severity of diabetes; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature
13 hereby proclaims November 2015 as Diabetes Awareness Month in Wisconsin; and
14 be it further

15 ***Resolved, That*** the legislature considers it vital that we educate all of our
16 citizens, and most importantly our youth, on the severity of diabetes, the
17 accompanying health risks, and the measures that can be taken to prevent diabetes.

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