

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1845

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 27<sup>th</sup> as American Diabetes Association Alert Day.

WHEREAS, The state of Kansas recognizes that healthy citizens are essential for strong communities to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes is a devastating disease that affects nearly 26 million Americans, including 8.6% of Kansas adults. More than 179,000 Kansans have been diagnosed with diabetes and over 90% of those Kansans have type 2 diabetes, which can be prevented or delayed. If current trends continue, one out of every three American adults will have diabetes by 2050; and

WHEREAS, The prevalence of diabetes is significantly higher among Kansas adults 18 years and older who are obese (16.1%) as compared to those who are not obese (5.4%). Obesity is one of the most well-established and modifiable risk factors for diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 79 million, or one in three American adults have pre-diabetes, which means that their blood sugar is higher than normal, but not high enough to be classified as diabetes. Without intervention, individuals with pre-diabetes are at a much higher risk for developing type 2 diabetes. The American Diabetes Association estimates that the total cost of diagnosed diabetes in the United States is over \$174 billion. Studies suggest that when additional costs for gestational diabetes, pre-diabetes and undiagnosed diabetes are included, the total diabetes-related costs in the United States could exceed \$218 billion; and

WHEREAS, Early detection and disease management can help prevent complications of diabetes, including cardiovascular disease, blindness, nervous system damage and kidney failure; and

WHEREAS, Reducing the burden associated with diabetes may be enhanced through the state of Kansas medicaid reform efforts; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes advocates and stakeholders from across the state, including representatives from disparate populations, have come together to form the Kansas Diabetes Action Council to develop and implement the Kansas Diabetes Plan 2008-2013, which is a plan to reduce the negative clinical and economic impact on individuals and on the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The goals of the Kansas Diabetes Plan 2008-2013 are to increase awareness of the prevention and control of diabetes, improve the capacity to address the prevention and control of diabetes, increase Kansas health care workforce competency in diabetes standards of care, improve awareness of and access to diabetes self-management information, programs and services and influence public policy to support improving diabetes prevention, detection and care throughout Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The 24<sup>th</sup> annual American Association Diabetes Alert Day is Tuesday, March 27, 2012, a one-day "wake-up" call asking the American public to "Join the Million Challenge" by encouraging Americans to take the diabetes risk test to find out if they are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes and if they are at high risk, to speak with their health care provider; and

WHEREAS, The American Diabetes Association has encouraged community organizations to use March 27<sup>th</sup> as a way to educate individuals in their communities to recognize their risk for type 2 diabetes, manage their risk and take action to create a future free of the disease; and

WHEREAS, At the end of 2011, the American Diabetes Association surpassed their goal of inspiring one million Americans to be a part of the American Diabetes Association's movement to stop diabetes. To continue this momentum, the American Diabetes Association is asking the American public to "Join the Million Challenge" by rallying one million people to take the diabetes risk test beginning on Diabetes Alert Day on March 27, 2012: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we hereby endorse the Kansas Diabetes Plan 2008-2013, recognize March 27<sup>th</sup> as American Diabetes Association Alert Day in the state of Kansas and invite the Kansas Diabetes Action Council to submit a final report to the state legislature in 2013 on the results of the Kansas Diabetes Plan 2008-2013; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator V. Schmidt.

Senate Resolution No. 1845 was sponsored by Senators V. Schmidt, Kutala and Masterson.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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Secretary of the Senate.