

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1804

A Resolution designating March 25, 2014, 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 9.5% of Kansas adults. More than 203,970 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, 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 \$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 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 Chronic Disease Alliance of Kansas to develop and implement the Kansas Diabetes Plan 2013-2017, which is a plan to support a coordinated and comprehensive approach to reduce the prevalence of chronic disease in Kansas and improve the quality of care for those living with chronic illness including diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer and arthritis; and

WHEREAS, The goals of the Kansas Diabetes Plan 2013-2017 are to increase awareness of prevention and to control diabetes, improve the capacity to address the prevention and control of diabetes, increase Kansas health care workforce competency in diabetes standards of care, and improve awareness of and access to public policy to support improving diabetes prevention, detection, and care throughout Kansas; and

WHEREAS, At the end of 2012, 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 "Take it. Share it." by rallying one million people to take the diabetes risk test beginning on Diabetes Alert Day on March 25, 2014: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we hereby endorse the Kansas Diabetes Plan 2013-2017 and designate March 25, 2014, as American Diabetes Association Alert Day in the state of Kansas. The 26th annual American Diabetes Alert Day is a way to educate individuals in communities across Kansas to recognize their risk for type 2 diabetes, manage their risk and take action to create a future free of disease; and

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

Senate Resolution No. 1804 was sponsored by Senators Vicki Schmidt and Ty Masterson.

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

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.