

SR-175, As Adopted by Senate, September 15, 2010

Senators Nofs and Gilbert offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 175.

A resolution recognizing October 15, 2010, as American Diabetes Association Alert Day to raise awareness of the dangers of diabetic peripheral neuropathy.

Whereas, In the United States, it is estimated that 23.6 million people or 7.8 percent of the total population are affected by diabetes; and

Whereas, The American Diabetes Association estimates that more than half of all people with diabetes suffer from diabetic peripheral neuropathy; and

Whereas, Diabetic peripheral neuropathy is a serious condition that damages nerve fibers due to prolonged exposure to high amounts of glucose in the bloodstream; and

Whereas, Diabetic peripheral neuropathy often causes intense pain, frequently described as aching, tingling, and numbness of the feet, which can result in serious foot problems due to nerve damage; and

Whereas, Nerve damage from diabetic peripheral neuropathy, although it can be painful, can also lessen the ability to feel pain, heat, and cold, which means that diabetic patients may not feel a foot injury or even a stone in their shoe or a nail in their foot; and

Whereas, The rate of amputations in people with diabetes is ten times higher than for people without diabetes. Studies show that more than 60 percent of nontraumatic lower extremity amputations are due to diabetic peripheral neuropathy; and

Whereas, Diabetic peripheral neuropathy can occur whether a person has type I diabetes, also known as juvenile diabetes, or type II diabetes, which is typically adult-onset; and

Whereas, This diabetic condition accounts for more diabetes-related hospitalizations than any other complication; and

Whereas, It is important that individuals with diabetes be aware of the dangers and warning signs of diabetic peripheral neuropathy, and make healthy lifestyle choices to prevent the onset of this life-changing condition; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body acknowledge the dangers of diabetic peripheral neuropathy, and recognize October 15, 2010, as American Diabetes Association Alert Day; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Chapter of the American Diabetes Association, the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association, the Michigan State Medical Society, and the Michigan Osteopathic Association.