

Rep. Liss offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 343.**

A resolution to declare November 2010 as Diabetes Awareness and Glucose Control Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S. behind heart disease, cancer, stroke, chronic lower respiratory diseases, and accidents; and

Whereas, The American Diabetes Association estimates that 23.6 million adults and children in the U.S. have diabetes. In Michigan, the Department of Community Health estimates that over 927, 000 Michigan residents have diabetes and more than 2 million have pre-diabetes; and

Whereas, While recognizing the at-risk patient population is a significant concern, there is an equal concern of epidemic proportions. Nearly 35% of those who have already been diagnosed with the disease are not reaching their blood glucose target levels, using a blood test that measures blood sugar control over a three month period; and

Whereas, Not gaining control of blood glucose levels and not achieving target A1c levels puts these patients at risk for serious complications including cardiovascular disease, blindness, kidney disease and dialysis, and nerve damage and amputation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare November 2010 as Diabetes Awareness and Glucose Control 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 them 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 educate providers about treatment standards tailored to individual patients.