

Rep. Vaupel offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 244.

A resolution to declare February 6, 2018, as Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Diabetes affects more than 29 million Americans and is a chronic condition that occurs when the body does not properly produce or use the hormone insulin that regulates blood sugar; and

Whereas, Type 2 diabetes is the most common type of diabetes, representing an estimated 90 to 95 percent of all diagnosed adult diabetes cases in the United States; and

Whereas, Michigan has a higher prevalence of diabetes than the nation as a whole. It is estimated that 701,000 Michigan adults have been diagnosed with diabetes, and another 364,400 have undiagnosed diabetes. Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in Michigan. Diabetes costs an estimated \$10.5 billion in Michigan each year; and

Whereas, Cardiovascular disease is a term used to define problems with the heart and blood vessels such as heart attacks, heart failure, and strokes; and

Whereas, Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death associated with diabetes due to complications associated with diabetes, such as high blood sugar, high blood pressure, and obesity; and

Whereas, In Michigan, 28 percent of people with diabetes aged 18 and older reported having cardiovascular disease; and

Whereas, People with type 2 diabetes are at two to four times greater risk for developing heart disease, stroke, or other cardiovascular disease, and at an earlier age; and

Whereas, Findings from a recent study revealed 52 percent of adults living with type 2 diabetes are unaware they are at an increased risk; and

Whereas, Two out of three deaths in people with type 2 diabetes are attributed to cardiovascular disease in the U.S., accounting for 68 percent of deaths in people with type 2 diabetes; and

Whereas, The total health care costs for the treatment of diabetes were reported to be approximately \$245 billion annually, with direct medical costs accounting for \$176 billion of the total costs. In 2013, cardiovascular disease was 28% of the costs for treating diabetes patients; and

Whereas, Appropriate awareness and education about the cardiovascular risks associated with diabetes can effectively reduce the overall outcome and financial burden of the illness; and

Whereas, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and other relevant partners seek to promote awareness, education, and action related to diabetes and the link to cardiovascular disease; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare February 6, 2018, as Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Awareness Day in the state of Michigan. We encourage state agencies, public health authorities, healthcare providers, employers, insurers, and other healthcare stakeholders to promote education and awareness of the connection between diabetes and cardiovascular disease, risk factors, and opportunities to promote better health for the individuals and populations at risk.