

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18**  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY SENATOR COSTELLO**

**Introduced: 2/19/18**

**Referred:**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Proclaiming November 2018 as Diabetic Eye Disease Awareness Month.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **WHEREAS** one in four Americans age 65 and older has diabetes, which puts each of  
4 these individuals at increased risk for vision loss and blindness; and

5 **WHEREAS** both type one and type two diabetes can result in diabetic retinopathy,  
6 which causes the small blood vessels in the eyes to leak and grow irregularly; and

7 **WHEREAS** diabetic retinopathy can cause other blinding complications, such as  
8 macular edema, which causes swelling of the part of the eye responsible for detailed vision;  
9 and

10 **WHEREAS** diabetic retinopathy affects 30 percent of people living with diabetes; and

11 **WHEREAS** annual dilated eye examinations can help prevent 95 percent of diabetes-  
12 related vision loss;

13 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature proclaims November 2018 as  
14 Diabetic Eye Disease Awareness Month.