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## House Resolution

A resolution recognizing November 2017 as "Diabetes and Heart Disease Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, diabetes affects more than 29 million Americans, including over 2.4 million Floridians, 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, 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, cardiovascular disease refers to conditions that affect the heart and blood vessels and may cause heart attacks, heart failure, and strokes, and

WHEREAS, people with type 2 diabetes are at greater risk for developing heart disease, stroke, or other cardiovascular disease, and at an earlier age, and

WHEREAS, public education and increased awareness about the cardiovascular risks associated with diabetes can effectively improve outcomes and reduce the financial burden of the illness,  
NOW, THEREFORE,

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Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That November 2017 is recognized as "Diabetes and Heart Disease Awareness Month" in the State of Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state agencies, public health authorities, health care providers, employers, insurers, and other health care stakeholders are encouraged to promote education and awareness of the connection between diabetes and cardiovascular disease, risk factors associated with the diseases, and opportunities to promote better health for the individuals and populations at risk.