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8 DECLARING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8 THROUGH NOVEMBER
9 12, 2010, DIABETES AWARENESS WEEK IN ALABAMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Alabama finds a
12 compelling public interest in educating Alabamians,
13 particularly young people, about the serious risks associated
14 with diabetes and the importance of developing healthy
15 lifestyles for prevention of chronic disease; and

16 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease
17 Control (CDC), the prevalence of overweight children between
18 the ages of six and eleven years has more than doubled over
19 the past 20 years, while the same instance among adolescents
20 between the ages of twelve and nineteen years has more than
21 tripled over the same period; overweight children and
22 adolescents are more likely to become overweight or obese
23 adults; there is an undeniable connection between obesity and
24 chronic disease, including diabetes; and

25 WHEREAS, Type 2 diabetes, formerly known as adult
26 onset diabetes, has become increasingly prevalent among
27 children and adolescents as rates of obesity rise; a CDC study

1 has estimated that one in three American children born in 2000
2 will develop diabetes over the course of their lifetimes; and

3 WHEREAS, we are pleased to note that the Alabama
4 Department of Public Health and the Alabama Department of
5 Education, in partnership with the American Diabetes
6 Association, Southeastern Diabetes Education Association,
7 Alabama Diabetes Network, Juvenile Diabetes Research
8 Foundation, Alabama Association of School Nurses, Johnson &
9 Johnson, LifeScan, Animas, Children's Hospital of Alabama,
10 Alabama Education Association, the Alabama Chapter of the
11 American Academy of Pediatrics, The University of Alabama -
12 Birmingham Division of Pediatric Endocrinology, and the
13 Alliance for a Healthier Generation, have announced the
14 Alabama School-based Diabetes Awareness Initiative, which will
15 be recognized during the month of November in Alabama public
16 schools; and

17 WHEREAS, the Alabama School-based Diabetes Awareness
18 Initiative will provide resources and materials to assist
19 schools in increasing awareness of diabetes and chronic
20 disease prevention and development of healthy lifestyles and
21 to increase awareness of diabetes with an emphasis on
22 prevention and proper diagnosis of diabetes in school faculty,
23 staff, and parents of school-age children; the Initiative will
24 enhance care to students with diabetes by providing continuing
25 education and professional development to school nurses who
26 treat these children; and

1 WHEREAS, the goals and ambitions of the Alabama
2 School-based Diabetes Awareness Initiative - to educate
3 parents, students, and teachers about the dangers of diabetes
4 and the importance of prevention and early intervention - are
5 shared by the Legislature of Alabama; now therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby declare November 8
8 through November 12, 2010, Diabetes Awareness Week in Alabama
9 public schools and that we hereby heartily endorse the Alabama
10 School-based Diabetes Initiative and its goals.