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2 169305-2
3 By Representative Hall
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 14-MAY-15

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2015 AS DIABETIC PERIPHERAL
4 NEUROPATHY ALERT MONTH.
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6 WHEREAS, in the United States, it is estimated that
7 25.8 million people or 8.3 percent of the total population are
8 affected by diabetes; and

9 WHEREAS, the American Diabetes Association estimates
10 that over 60 percent of all people with diabetes suffer from
11 Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy; and

12 WHEREAS, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy is a serious
13 condition that damages nerve fibers due to prolonged exposure
14 to high amounts of glucose in the bloodstream; and

15 WHEREAS, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy often causes
16 intense pain, frequently described as aching, tingling,
17 burning, and numbness of the feet, which frequently results in
18 serious foot problems due to nerve damage; and

19 WHEREAS, although it can hurt, diabetic nerve damage
20 can also lessen the ability to feel pain, heat, and cold,
21 which means that diabetic patients may not feel a foot injury
22 or even a stone in their shoe or a nail in their foot; and

23 WHEREAS, the rate of amputations in people with
24 diabetes is 10 times higher than for people without diabetes,
25 and studies show that more than 60 percent of nontraumatic

1 lower extremity amputations are due to Diabetic Peripheral
2 Neuropathy; and

3 WHEREAS, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy can occur
4 whether a person has Type I diabetes, also known as juvenile
5 diabetes, or Type II diabetes, which is typically adult-onset;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy accounts for
8 more diabetes related hospitalizations than any other
9 complication; and

10 WHEREAS, regular clinical screenings can reduce the
11 burden of Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy; and

12 WHEREAS, quality measures, such as those put forth
13 by the Physician Quality Reporting System, can ensure that
14 patients are receiving appropriate evaluations needed to
15 prevent further complications resulting from poorly managed
16 Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy; and

17 WHEREAS, these kinds of endorsed quality measures
18 should be considered for incorporation into new models of
19 health care payment and delivery, such as accountable care
20 organizations (ACOs); and

21 WHEREAS, it is important that Alabamians with
22 diabetes be aware of the dangers and warning signs of Diabetic
23 Peripheral Neuropathy and make healthy lifestyle choices to
24 prevent the onset of this life changing condition; now
25 therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
2 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the members of this body
3 acknowledge the dangers of Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy and
4 recognize September 2015 as Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy
5 Alert Month at the Capitol.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House
7 of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an
8 appropriate copy of this resolution to the Alabama chapter of
9 the American Diabetes Association.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 21-MAY-15.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

02-JUN-15

Adopted