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8 RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2016 AS DIABETIC PERIPHERAL  
9 NEUROPATHY ALERT MONTH.

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11 WHEREAS, in the United States, it is estimated that  
12 25.8 million people or 8.3 percent of the total population are  
13 affected by diabetes; and

14 WHEREAS, the American Diabetes Association estimates  
15 that over 60 percent of all people with diabetes suffer from  
16 Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy; and

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

20 WHEREAS, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy often causes  
21 intense pain, frequently described as aching, tingling,  
22 burning, and numbness of the feet, which frequently results in  
23 serious foot problems due to nerve damage; and

24 WHEREAS, although it can hurt, diabetic nerve damage  
25 can also lessen the ability to feel pain, heat, and cold,

1 which means that diabetic patients may not feel a foot injury  
2 or even a stone in their shoe or a nail in their foot; and

3                   WHEREAS, the rate of amputations in people with  
4 diabetes is 10 times higher than for people without diabetes,  
5 and studies show that more than 60 percent of nontraumatic  
6 lower extremity amputations are due to Diabetic Peripheral  
7 Neuropathy; and

8                   WHEREAS, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy can occur  
9 whether a person has Type I diabetes, also known as juvenile  
10 diabetes, or Type II diabetes, which is typically adult-onset;  
11 and

12                  WHEREAS, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy accounts for  
13 more diabetes related hospitalizations than any other  
14 complication; and

15                  WHEREAS, regular clinical screenings can reduce the  
16 burden of Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy; and

17                  WHEREAS, quality measures, such as those put forth  
18 by the Physician Quality Reporting System, can ensure that  
19 patients are receiving appropriate evaluations needed to  
20 prevent further complications resulting from poorly managed  
21 Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy; and

22                  WHEREAS, these kinds of endorsed quality measures  
23 should be considered for incorporation into new models of  
24 health care payment and delivery, such as accountable care  
25 organizations (ACOs); and

1                   WHEREAS, it is important that Alabamians with  
2 diabetes be aware of the dangers and warning signs of Diabetic  
3 Peripheral Neuropathy and make healthy lifestyle choices to  
4 prevent the onset of this life changing condition; now  
5 therefore,

6                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the we acknowledge the dangers  
8 of Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy and recognize September 2016  
9 as Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy Alert Month at the Capitol.

10                  BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House  
11 of Representatives and Secretary of the Senate are authorized  
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this  
13 resolution to the Alabama Chapter of the American Diabetes  
14 Association.