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**ACR-66 Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Awareness Month.** (2017-2018)

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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 66**

**CHAPTER 60**

Relative to Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Awareness Month.

[ Filed with Secretary of State June 06, 2017. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

ACR 66, Daly. Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Awareness Month.

This measure would declare May 2017 as Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Awareness Month.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, Diabetes affects more than 29 million Americans 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 II 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, Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States with 8 million Americans undiagnosed and more than 5,000 Americans diagnosed each day; 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 is a term used to define problems with the heart and blood vessels such as heart attacks, heart failure, and strokes; and

WHEREAS, People with type II diabetes are at two to four times greater risk for developing cardiovascular disease, and findings from a recent study reveal that 52 percent of adults living with type II diabetes are unaware they are at an increased risk; and

WHEREAS, Two out of three deaths in people with type II diabetes are attributed to cardiovascular disease in the United States, accounting for 68 percent of deaths in people with type II diabetes; and

WHEREAS, The total health care costs for the treatment of diabetes were reported to be approximately \$245 billion annually, with the direct medical costs accounting for \$176 billion of the total costs, in 2013, and cardiovascular disease accounting for 28 percent of the costs for treating diabetes patients; and

WHEREAS, In the State of California, 46 percent of the population is considered to have prediabetes and 9 percent to have diabetes, totaling 55 percent of the population of the state; and

WHEREAS, In the State of California, the amount paid by Medicare for type II diabetes and cardiovascular disease totals \$3,557,889,730, with prevalence reaching 8.1 percent; and

WHEREAS, Twelve and one-fifth percent of the Hispanic population in California's Medicare community are diagnosed with type II diabetes and cardiovascular disease, and the amount paid by Medicare in the state totals \$413,068,129 for 1,110 beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, Eleven and nine-tenths percent of the African American population in California's Medicare community are diagnosed with type II diabetes and cardiovascular disease, and the amount paid by Medicare in the state totals \$372,284,357 for 931 beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, Ten and seven-tenths percent of other populations, including Asian, Hawaiian, and Native American, in California's Medicare community are diagnosed with type II diabetes and cardiovascular disease, and the amount paid by Medicare in the state totals \$589,947,884 for 2,149 beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, Seven percent of the Caucasian population in California's Medicare community are diagnosed with type II diabetes and cardiovascular disease, and the amount paid by Medicare in the state totals \$2,182,589,361 for 7,198 beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, Seven and one-half percent of the female population in California's Medicare community are diagnosed with type II diabetes and cardiovascular disease, and the amount paid by Medicare in the state totals \$1,700,006,646 for 5,661 beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, Appropriate awareness and education about the cardiovascular risks associated with diabetes can effectively reduce the overall outcome and financial burden of the illness; and

WHEREAS, The Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease and other relevant partners seek to promote awareness, education, and action related to diabetes and the link to cardiovascular disease; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares May 2017 as Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Awareness Month and encourages others to promote education and awareness of the connection between diabetes and cardiovascular disease; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.