

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

Relating to the recognition of every third week in June as Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy Week

WHEREAS, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy (DPN) is a serious condition that results from damage to nerves due to prolonged exposure to high amounts of glucose in the bloodstream as a result of diabetes; and

WHEREAS, more than half of all diabetics suffer from DPN, and the areas of the body most commonly affected by DPN are the feet and legs; and

WHEREAS, nerve damage in the feet can result in the loss of foot sensation, increasing risk of foot problems and which manifests itself in intense pain often described as aching, tingling, burning, and numbness; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, 364,000 Missourians were diagnosed with diabetes; and

WHEREAS, DPN is the leading cause of amputations, and as many as 40 to 60 percent of lower extremity amputations are due to severe forms of DPN; and

WHEREAS, DPN is preventable only to the extent that the underlying cause is preventable, requiring the individual patient's alert awareness of bodily deficiency, illness, infection or injury that can cause DPN, and the individual's willingness to seek early diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, it is absolutely fitting and proper to designate a special week to raise public awareness of DPN and its symptoms:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-sixth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby recognize the third week of June of each year as Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy (DPN) Week in Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate and the House of Representatives encourage citizens throughout Missouri to observe this week by raising public awareness regarding the symptoms and treatment of this painful and dangerous neuropathy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to send properly inscribed copies of this resolution to the Governor for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

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