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Assembly Resolution No. 613

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim November 2017, as Diabetes Awareness Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Diabetes affects more than 29 million Americans, including over 1.6 million New Yorkers, 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, In type 1 diabetes the body does not produce insulin, it is usually diagnosed in children and young adults, and affects only 5% of people with diabetes; and

WHEREAS, In type 2 diabetes, which affects 90% to 95% of all diagnosed adult cases of diabetes, the body does not use insulin properly, and is linked to obesity, hypertension, and high levels of fat in the blood; and

WHEREAS, 1.6 million New Yorkers (10.0%) have diabetes, and the percentage of New York State adults who have diabetes increased from 6.3% in 2000 to 10% in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Type 2 diabetes is more prevalent among New York adults with Medicare (28.1%) and is significantly higher among non-Hispanic

black adults than among non-Hispanic white adults living in New York;  
and

WHEREAS, In New York, only half of Medicaid Managed Care enrollees  
with type 2 diabetes received all recommended testing; and

WHEREAS, Adults with type 2 diabetes are two to four times more  
likely to die from heart disease than adults without diabetes; and

WHEREAS, At least 68% of people age 65 or older with diabetes die  
from some form of cardiovascular disease; and 16% die of stroke; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association considers diabetes to be one  
of the seven major controllable risk factors for cardiovascular disease;  
and

WHEREAS, According to CDC Medicare data compiled from 2012-2016, the  
total amount paid for Cardiovascular Disease was \$7.8 billion for 21,162  
New York beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Department of Health purports that  
diabetes had "reached epidemic proportions in New York State with an  
overall annual cost of diabetes attributable to both direct medical  
costs and lost productivity, of \$12 billion for all payers; and

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

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this  
serious health condition, and more must be done to increase activity at  
the local, State and National levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim November 2017, as Diabetes Awareness Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.