By Senator Gibson

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1   Senate Resolution
2   A resolution recognizing November 2018 as "Diabetes
3   Awareness Month" in Florida.
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5   WHEREAS, diabetes is a chronic disease in which the body
6 does not properly produce or use the hormone insulin, which
7 regulates blood sugar, and
8   WHEREAS, more than 30 million Americans, or 1 out of every
9 10 Americans, including approximately 2.8 million Floridians,
10 have diabetes, and
11   WHEREAS, type 2 diabetes is the disease's most common form,
12 representing an estimated 90 to 95 percent of all diagnosed
13 adult diabetes cases in the United States, and
14   WHEREAS, diabetes is the leading cause of blindness, kidney
15 failure, amputations, stroke, and heart disease, claiming the
16 life of one American every 3 minutes, and
17   WHEREAS, people with diabetes are twice as likely to suffer
18 a heart attack or stroke at a young age, and
19   WHEREAS, having diabetes is associated with substantially
20 higher lifetime medical expenditures despite being associated
21 with reduced life expectancy, costing the American public $245
22 billion annually, and
23   WHEREAS, increased public education and awareness about the
24 risks of diabetes can effectively improve outcomes and reduce
25 the financial burden of the disease, NOW, THEREFORE,
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27 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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29   That November 2018 is recognized as "Diabetes Awareness

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30 Month" in Florida.

31   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state agencies, public health

32 authorities, health care providers, employers, insurers, and

33 other health care stakeholders are encouraged to promote

34 education and awareness of diabetes, risk factors associated

35 with the disease, and opportunities to promote better health for

36 the individuals and populations at risk of being diagnosed with

37 the disease.