

**House Resolution**

**No. 43**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Beth Gaines**

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House Resolution No. 43—Relative to type I diabetes awareness.

1 WHEREAS, Diabetes is a chronic disease that affects an  
2 estimated 29.1 million Americans, or 9.3 percent of the population,  
3 on a daily basis; and

4 WHEREAS, Approximately 3.8 million people in California  
5 are living with diabetes, and it is estimated that over one million  
6 Californians are undiagnosed; and

7 WHEREAS, Diabetes costs an estimated \$37.1 billion in  
8 California each year; and

9 WHEREAS, Type I diabetes accounts for \$14.9 billion in health  
10 care costs in the United States each year; and

11 WHEREAS, Type I diabetes, previously called juvenile-onset  
12 diabetes, occurs when the body does not produce insulin, a  
13 hormone that is necessary to convert sugar, or glucose, into energy;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Type I diabetes is the third most common  
16 autoimmune disease found among children; and

17 WHEREAS, Between 2001 and 2009 there was a 21-percent  
18 increase in the prevalence of type I diabetes in people under 20  
19 years of age; and

20 WHEREAS, Only 5 percent of diabetics have type I diabetes,  
21 and it is typically diagnosed in children and young adults; and

22 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis of type I diabetes can help prevent  
23 diabetic ketoacidosis, a potentially fatal condition that develops  
24 from high blood glucose levels; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2009, among hospital discharges of children  
2 and young people 0 to 17 years of age, about 74 percent had  
3 diabetes as the first-listed diagnosis, and of these patients, 64  
4 percent of the diagnoses were for diabetic ketoacidosis; and  
5 WHEREAS, Education concerning type I diabetes is critical to  
6 raising awareness and diagnosing and treating this condition  
7 effectively; and  
8 WHEREAS, With the help of insulin therapy and other  
9 treatments, young children and adolescents can learn to manage  
10 their condition and live long, healthy lives; now, therefore, be it  
11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
12 Assembly encourages all health care practitioners with children  
13 under their care to discuss the warning signs and symptoms of type  
14 I diabetes with the parents or guardians of each child at least once  
15 annually at well-child care visits from birth to 5 years of age; and  
16 be it further  
17 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
18 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.