

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the members of  
3 the Illinois Senatethat diabetes has reached epidemic  
4 proportions in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, In Illinois there are approximately 795,000  
6 residents who have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes and  
7 many others still remain undiagnosed or untreated; an  
8 estimated 397,000 of those people have not been able to  
9 achieve adequate blood sugar control and are at an increased  
10 risk for the serious consequences associated with  
11 uncontrolled diabetes, such as blindness, nerve damage,  
12 amputation, kidney disease, and dialysis; and

13 WHEREAS, More than half of Americans with diabetes who  
14 are undergoing treatment have unacceptably high blood sugar  
15 levels; the American Diabetes Association (ADA) has  
16 established, as a goal, a blood glucose level of less than  
17 7%, as measured by the A1C test, which measures blood glucose  
18 levels over a two-month period; achieving this goal will help  
19 reduce the risk of serious complications; and

20 WHEREAS, There is a great need for the community-at-large  
21 to commit to ensuring that diabetes is properly monitored and  
22 treated in the United States; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
24 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that this body is  
25 committed to helping to ensure that those with diabetes are  
26 living healthier lives; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the members of this body challenge all  
28 citizens of Illinois to help everyone affected by diabetes to  
29 "Get to Goal," which means achieving a blood glucose level of  
30 7% or less; that anyone affected by diabetes, whether  
31 practitioners, educators, policy-makers, patients, or

1 caregivers, are urged to pledge their commitment to advancing  
2 this cause; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the American Diabetes Association.