

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2011**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION 371\***

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Sponsors: Senator Apodaca.

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March 21, 2011

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DIABETES ALERT DAY IN NORTH  
2 CAROLINA.

3           Whereas, diabetes is a chronic condition in which the level of glucose in the blood is  
4 too high; and

5           Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, diabetes  
6 affects 25.8 million people in the United States; and

7           Whereas, seven million people in the United States are unaware that they have  
8 diabetes; and

9           Whereas, in 2008, the North Carolina Diabetes Prevention and Control Branch  
10 estimated that over 1.1 million people in the State were pre-diabetic, diabetic, or undiagnosed  
11 as pre-diabetic or diabetic; and

12           Whereas, in North Carolina, one in five adults, aged 65 and over, has diabetes or is  
13 at high risk of developing diabetes; and

14           Whereas, in 2009, the North Carolina Diabetes Prevention and Control Branch  
15 reported that diabetes was the seventh leading cause of death for North Carolinians; and

16           Whereas, a person with diabetes may develop severe health problems and  
17 complications, including kidney disease, blindness, heart disease, stroke, amputation, and  
18 nervous system disease or neuropathy; and

19           Whereas, one type of diabetic neuropathy, peripheral neuropathy causes severe and  
20 intense pain that sufferers frequently describe as tingling, shooting, burning, or "pins and  
21 needles"; and

22           Whereas, sixty-four percent of diabetic nerve pain sufferers report that their pain  
23 interferes with the daily activities that matter to them, and eighty percent of diabetic nerve pain  
24 patients report problems with mobility; and

25           Whereas, diabetic nerve pain can make it difficult to stay physically active and  
26 exercise, a critical component of diabetes management, which may contribute to worsening  
27 glycemic control and make sufferers more likely to develop additional health problems; and

28           Whereas, in 2010, diabetes cost the State over \$10.2 billion and, if current trends  
29 continue, diabetes may cost the State over \$12.7 billion by 2015; Now, therefore,

30 Be it resolved by the Senate:

31           **SECTION 1.** The Senate joins the nation in recognizing March 22, 2011, as  
32 Diabetes Alert Day and encourages the citizens of this State to have their blood sugar checked  
33 and to have their health care providers assess their plan to treat or avoid diabetes.

34           **SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

