Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 17–Assemblymen Dini, Anderson, Angle, Arberry, Bache, Beers, Berman, Brower, Brown, Buckley, Carpenter, Cegavske, Chowning, Claborn, Collins, de Braga, Freeman, Gibbons, Giunchigliani, Goldwater, Gustavson, Hettrick, Humke, Koivisto, Lee, Leslie, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, Mortenson, Neighbors, Nolan, Oceguera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Perkins, Price, Smith, Tiffany, Von Tobel and Williams

Joint Sponsors: Senators Raggio, Titus, Amodei, Care, Carlton, Coffin, Jacobsen, James, Mathews, McGinness, Neal, O'Connell, O'Donnell, Porter, Rawson, Rhoads, Schneider, Shaffer, Townsend, Washington and Wiener

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Designating March 27, 2001, as Nevada Diabetes Awareness Day.

WHEREAS, Diabetes is a serious and debilitating disease that poses a major health problem to the residents of the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States, with almost 16 million people having been diagnosed with the disease; and

WHEREAS, While 2,200 people are diagnosed with diabetes each day in the United States, many go undiagnosed because of lack of education and information regarding this disease; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the high mortality rate, diabetes has such lifethreatening complications as blindness, kidney disease, nerve disease which may lead to lower limb amputations, heart disease and stroke; and

WHEREAS, Many people are unaware that there is an increased risk factor because of age, obesity and a sedentary lifestyle and that risk may be averted through known preventive measures; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes is one of the most costly health problems in the United States, running \$98 billion annually for lost productivity and costs directly related to the disease; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that the population of this state will double in the next 20 years, causing a great economic burden on the state and its residents, in addition to the human suffering, if this disease goes unchecked; and

WHEREAS, The cooperative efforts in the production of the "Nevada Diabetes Resource Directory" and the "Guidelines for Children with Diabetes in School" and statewide distribution of "Diabetes Patient Management and Physician Clinical Practice Cards" will have a great impact in reducing the incidence of diabetes by promoting community awareness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That March 27, 2001, is hereby designated as Nevada Diabetes Awareness Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature hereby commends the Nevada Diabetes Council and the Nevada Diabetes Association for Children and Adults for their efforts to reduce the effects of diabetes on the residents of

this state by supplying them with resources and information; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Carolyn Leontos, Chairperson of the Nevada Diabetes Council, and to Mylan Hawkins, Executive Director of the Nevada Diabetes Association for Children and Adults.

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