

House Concurrent Resolution No. 37

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES FRANKLIN (Sponsor), FREDERICK, CRAWFORD, LAUER, ZERR, LICHTENEGGER, CURTMAN, FRANZ, BRATTIN, WALLINGFORD, FRAKER, WETER, SMITH (150), PHILLIPS, WHITE, DAVIS, SCHATZ, HOUGHTON, CROSS, HOUGH, GOSEN, HOSKINS, HAEFNER, LASATER, CONWAY (14), LEACH, BURLISON, ASBURY, FITZWATER, JOHNSON, ENTLICHER, BROWN (85), DIECKHAUS, REDMON, WYATT, JONES (117), TORPEY AND KELLEY (126) (Co-sponsors).

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AN ACT

Relating to the recognition of every third week in June as Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy Week.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

2 **WHEREAS**, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy (DPN) is a serious condition that results
3 from damage to nerves due to prolonged exposure to high amounts of glucose in the bloodstream
4 as a result of diabetes; and

5 **WHEREAS**, more than half of all diabetics suffer from DPN, and the areas of the body
6 most commonly affected by DPN are the feet and legs; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, nerve damage in the feet can result in the loss of foot sensation, increasing
9 risk of foot problems and which manifests itself in intense pain often described as aching,
10 tingling, burning, and numbness; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, 364,000 Missourians were diagnosed with diabetes; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, DPN is the leading cause of amputations, and as many as 40 to 60 percent
15 of lower extremity amputations are due to severe forms of DPN; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, DPN is preventable only to the extent that the underlying cause is
18 preventable, requiring the individual patient's alert awareness of bodily deficiency, illness,
19 infection or injury that can cause DPN, and the individual's willingness to seek early diagnosis
20 and treatment; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, it is absolutely fitting and proper to designate a special week to raise public
23 awareness of DPN and its symptoms:

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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Missouri House
26 of Representatives, Ninety-Sixth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring
27 therein, hereby recognize the third week of June of each year as Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy
28 (DPN) Week in Missouri; and

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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the Missouri House of
31 Representatives and Senate encourage citizens throughout Missouri to observe this week by
32 raising public awareness regarding the symptoms and treatment of this painful and dangerous
33 neuropathy; and

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35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
36 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
37 Governor for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

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