SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1856

A RESOLUTION designating March 24, 2009, as Diabetes Alert Day.

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas recognizes that healthy citizens are essential for strong communities to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes is a major public health problem with increasing prevalence, poor outcomes, and high costs; and

WHEREAS, More than 150,000 Kansans have been diagnosed with diabetes and over 90% of those have Type II diabetes which can be delayed; and

WHEREAS, Early detection and disease management can help prevent complications of diabetes, including cardiovascular disease, blindness, nervous system damage and kidney failure; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas health community has come together to form the Kansas Diabetes Advisory Council to develop and implement a Kansas Diabetes Plan to reduce the negative clinical and economic impact on individuals and on the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The goals of the Kansas Diabetes Plan are to increase awareness of the prevention and control of diabetes, improve the capacity to address the prevention and control of diabetes, increase Kansas' health care workforce competency in diabetes standards of care, improve awareness of and access to diabetes self-management information, programs and services and to influence public policy to support improving diabetes prevention, detection and care throughout Kansas: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we designate March 24, 2009, as Diabetes Alert Day in the State of Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That we direct the Diabetes Advisory Council to submit a status report to the Kansas Legislature in 2010 on the progression of the Kansas Diabetes Plan; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Diabetes Advisory Council and three enrolled copies to Senator Vicki Schmidt.

Senate Resolution No. 1856 was sponsored by Senators V. Schmidt, Barnett, Brungardt, Colyer and Reitz.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE,

and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.