

**COLORADO BOARD OF HEALTH**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**Regarding American Diabetes Alert Day**

**WHEREAS**, diabetes is one of leading cause of death in Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004 two thousand two hundred and ninety eight people died in Colorado due to diabetes related complications; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004 about one hundred ninety seven thousand eight hundred and sixty people in Colorado have diagnosed diabetes and another eighty three thousand one hundred and one people are unaware they have it; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004 hospitalization costs for people treated for diabetes in Colorado cost an estimated \$1.5 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004 the average charge per hospitalization for people treated for diabetes in Colorado was \$27,790; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004 diabetes attributed to 9.5 percent of all deaths of adults over age 20 in Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, one third of people who have diabetes are unaware they have the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, March 28<sup>th</sup> is designated as “American Diabetes Alert Day”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Diabetes Advisory Council recognizes the impact of diabetes in children, adults, on families, communities and public health; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Diabetes Association has launched a campaign designated to raise awareness that diabetes is serious, people can have diabetes and not even know it, and that taking a risk test is an easy way to let somebody know if they are at risk for diabetes.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Colorado Board of Health support the Diabetes Advisory Council in their efforts to support “American Diabetes Alert Day”; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the Colorado Board of Health urge healthcare providers and public health programs statewide to focus attention on reducing risk factors for diabetes and support “American Diabetes Alert Day” activities on March 28, 2006.

**Dated: February 15, 2006**



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