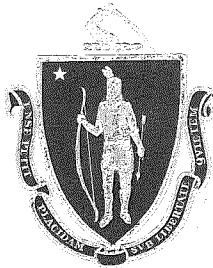


The Massachusetts General Court



Resolutions

MEMORIALIZING THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
TO ENDORSE THE "SCREEN AT 23" CAMPAIGN.

WHEREAS, APPROXIMATELY 680,771 PEOPLE IN THE COMMONWEALTH, OR 11.9 PER CENT OF THE ADULT POPULATION, HAVE DIABETES AND DIABETES IS THE FIFTH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG ASIAN AMERICANS; AND

WHEREAS, ASIAN AMERICANS ARE 30 PER CENT MORE LIKELY TO HAVE DIABETES THAN WHITE AMERICANS AND ASIAN AMERICANS WITH A LOWER BODY MASS INDEX ARE AT GREATER RISK OF DEVELOPING PREDIABETES, DIABETES AND ASSOCIATED RISKS THAN WHITE, HISPANIC, BLACK AND NATIVE AMERICANS; AND

WHEREAS, EARLY DETECTION, INTERVENTION AND TREATMENT CAN MITIGATE DIABETES-RELATED COMPLICATIONS, RISKS AND COSTS BUT ASIAN AMERICANS ARE THE LEAST LIKELY ETHNIC GROUP TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDED DIABETES SCREENING AND MORE THAN HALF OF ALL ASIAN AMERICANS WITH DIABETES ARE UNDIAGNOSED; AND

WHEREAS, THE ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER DIABETES COALITION LAUNCHED THE "SCREEN AT 23 CAMPAIGN" TO ENCOURAGE DIABETES SCREENING OF ASIAN AMERICANS AT A BODY MASS INDEX OF 23 KG/M2 INSTEAD OF 25 KG/M2 BECAUSE SCREENING AT 23 KG/M2 WOULD REVEAL MORE THAN 6,420 DIABETES CASES AND MANY THOUSANDS MORE PREDIABETES CASES IN THE COMMONWEALTH; AND

WHEREAS, TWO OUT OF THREE PEOPLE WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES DIE FROM HEART ATTACK OR STROKE AND ADULTS WITH DIABETES ARE AT RISK FOR DEVELOPING END STAGE RENAL DISEASE AND KIDNEY FAILURE, BLINDNESS AND LOWER LIMB LOSS; AND

WHEREAS, INTERVENTIONS FOCUSING ON NUTRITION, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND HEALTHY WEIGHT LOSS HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO REVERSE PREDIABETES, IMPROVE GLUCOSE FUNCTION IN DIABETICS AND REDUCE THE NEED FOR MULTIPLE MEDICATIONS; AND

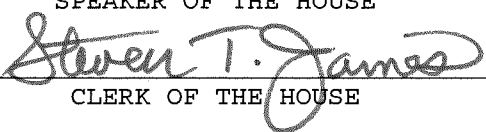
WHEREAS, THE COMMONWEALTH HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN CALIFORNIA, NEW YORK AND HAWAII TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE AND RECOMMEND SCREENING ADULT ASIAN AMERICANS FOR TYPE 2 DIABETES AT A BODY MASS INDEX OF 23 KG/M2, ENABLING THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS TO GET THE EARLY CARE AND TREATMENT NEEDED TO LIVE HEALTHIER AND HAPPIER LIVES; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT HEREBY SUPPORTS THE "SCREEN AT 23" CAMPAIGN AND MEMORIALIZES THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ENDORSE AND SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN'S EFFORTS TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF DIABETES AMONG ASIAN AMERICANS AND ENCOURAGES ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HEALTH PROVIDERS AND FACILITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE EFFORTS INCLUDING USING APPROPRIATE SCREENING MEASURES FOR ASIAN AMERICAN PATIENTS AND TO ULTIMATELY ELIMINATE DISPARITIES; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE FORWARDED BY THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ADOPTED, JANUARY 22, 2018.

ROBERT A. DeLEO
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CLERK OF THE HOUSE

SENATE, ADOPTED IN CONCURRENCE, JANUARY 22, 2018.

HARRIETTE L. CHANDLER
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REPRESENTATIVE TACKEY CHAN

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