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Senate Resolution No. 1006

BY: Senator COMRIE

COMMENDING the America Diabetes Association upon the occasion of hosting its New York EXPO on March 11, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those organizations which work to serve the health care needs of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the America Diabetes Association upon the occasion of hosting its New York EXPO on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, It is expected that more than 10,000 people will attend the ADA's free EXPO, where they will receive the latest information on preventing and managing diabetes and its deadly complications, and learn how to keep themselves and their family healthy; and

WHEREAS, The American Diabetes Association (ADA) is a United States-based association working to fight the consequences of diabetes and to help those affected by the disease; the ADA funds research to manage, cure and prevent diabetes (including type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes, gestational diabetes, and pre-diabetes); delivers services to

hundreds of communities; provides information for both patients and health care professionals; and advocates on behalf of people denied their rights because of diabetes; and

WHEREAS, In 1940, the ADA was founded by 28 physicians; during its first 30 years, the Association limited its membership to physicians, health professionals and corporations; in 1970, the Association underwent a reorganization during which membership was expanded to include general members; and

WHEREAS, Today, the ADA is a volunteer-driven organization based in Alexandria, Virginia, with approximately 90 local offices across the United States; since its inception, the ADA has strived to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by this deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, it was estimated that 29.1 million Americans have diabetes, and another 86 million have pre-diabetes; and

WHEREAS, The EXPO will give individuals an opportunity to meet and talk with medical experts about diabetes management, research and prevention in a friendly environment; this event will allow people to partake in 3,000 health screenings, enjoy healthy cooking demonstrations with samples, and partake in a fun Kids Zone with games, as well as meet a registered dietitian and support group in the new Living with Type 1 area, and much more; and

WHEREAS, In addition, attendees will be able to listen to various educational and informative presentations on the Main Stage including

guest speaker Mike Golic, from ESPN Radio's "Mike & Mike" show, who will share his story about how he was diagnosed with diabetes; there will

also be culinary delights from around the world on the Healthy Eating stage where Chef Ronaldo Linares will be welcomed; and

WHEREAS, Unfortunately, people of color are disproportionately affected by diabetes; this EXPO will provide invaluable insight on what people can do to combat this disease and prevent it from ever surfacing among younger people; healthy eating habits and exercise needs to be as natural as sleeping and breathing in order for us to live longer and more wholesome lives; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the vital importance of the American Diabetes Association in providing excellence in care through prevention, education and treatment, and its evident commitment to this mission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the American Diabetes Association upon the occasion of hosting its New York EXPO on March 11, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the American Diabetes Association.