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A R E S O L U T I O N

To designate April 26, 2020, as Diabetic 1
Ketoacidosis (DKA) Day. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, Physicians at the Barbara Davis Center for 3
Childhood Diabetes report that diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) is 4
one of the most common, costly, and dangerous acute 5
complications in people with type 1 diabetes; and 6

WHEREAS, DKA occurs when the body lacks insulin, which 7
causes the breakdown of fat at a rate that is too fast. The 8
liver processes the fat into a fuel called ketones, which causes 9
the blood to become acidic; and 10

WHEREAS, The Mayo Clinic reports that symptoms of DKA 11
include excessive thirst, frequent urination, nausea and 12
vomiting, abdominal pain, weakness or fatigue, shortness of 13
breath, fruity-scented breath, and confusion; and 14

WHEREAS, Research sponsored by the American Diabetes 15
Association found that 30 to 46% of children in the United 16
States experience DKA at the time of type 1 diabetes diagnosis 17
because it is unknown that they even have this autoimmune 18

disease; and 19

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and 20
Prevention reported that hospitalizations for DKA increased in 21
the United States during 2009–2014 among all age groups and were 22
highest among persons aged less than 45 years; and 23

WHEREAS, DKA can cause complications such as low levels of 24
potassium (hypokalemia), swelling inside the brain (cerebral 25
edema), fluid inside the lungs (pulmonary edema), and kidney and 26
other organ damage from fluid loss. Among all type 1 diabetes- 27
related deaths for patients aged less than 30 years, research 28
published in the online medical journal, BMJ Open, indicated 29
that 54 to 76% can be attributed to DKA; and 30

WHEREAS, Persons with type 1 diabetes need insulin 31
constantly to stay alive, either through multiple daily 32
injections or an insulin pump, or they will experience DKA which 33
will result in death; now therefore be it 34

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 35
Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of the State of 36
Ohio, designate April 26, 2020, as Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA) 37
Day in honor of all Ohio citizens who have experienced 38
complications from DKA and, in particular, Antavia Lee-Worsham, 39
who died on April 26, 2017, at the young age of 22 due to DKA; 40
and be it further 41

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Ohio House of 42
Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this 43
resolution to the Governor of Ohio, the Director of Health, 44
local boards of health, and the news media of Ohio. 45