

Senate Resolution 1024

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending those that support persons diagnosed and living with Type 1 Diabetes and
2 recognizing February 23, 2016, as Type 1 Diabetes Day at the state capitol; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Type 1 Diabetes is an autoimmune disease where the body's immune system
5 destroys insulin-producing beta cells within the pancreas; those living with Type 1 Diabetes
6 constantly monitor their glucose levels in an attempt to mimic the pancreas secretion of
7 insulin; and

8 WHEREAS, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) and companies such as
9 Dexcom, Medtronic, and Omnipod have agreed to partner to increase the awareness of Type
10 1 Diabetes; and

11 WHEREAS, while there is no known cure for Type 1 Diabetes, more than three million
12 children and adults, 8,000 of whom are children living in Georgia, live with Type 1 Diabetes
13 and approximately 500 children in Georgia are diagnosed annually; and

14 WHEREAS, there is a need for research to prevent Type 1 Diabetes, develop new devices
15 and therapies that optimize blood-glucose control, or restore a person's insulin-producing
16 capability; and

17 WHEREAS, there is also a need for education to increase knowledge, encourage advocacy,
18 and promote safe care for those living with Type 1 Diabetes; and

19 WHEREAS, the ultimate goal is to find a cure for this type of Diabetes and turn Type 1 into
20 Type None so that people can live fulfilling lives; and

21 WHEREAS, JDRF is a non-profit, community service organization dedicated to research and
22 education for Type 1 Diabetes; and

23 WHEREAS, Dexcom and Medtronic are leading companies in the United States that provide
24 Continuous Glucose Monitors to assist people diagnosed and living with this disease with
25 the tools for the continuous monitoring of glucose levels; and

26 WHEREAS, Medtronic and Omnipod are companies that develop and manufacture the
27 insulin pumps that treat this disease, support research, and are committed to finding a cure
28 for Type 1 Diabetes as well as leading contributors in the development of a new device
29 therapy known as the closed loop artificial pancreas which relieves the continuous burden
30 of monitoring and treating Type 1 Diabetes; and

31 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia supports the JDRF, Medtronic, Omnipod, and Dexcom in
32 their mission to develop new devices and therapies that optimize blood-glucose control or
33 restore a person's insulin-producing capability.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 commend the JDRF, Omnipod, Medtronic, and Dexcom for their contributions to improving
36 the quality of life of those living with Type 1 Diabetes in Georgia and across the United
37 States, and recognize February 23, 2016, as Type 1 Diabetes Day at the state capitol.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these groups be recognized for their important work of
39 educating, advocating, and working diligently to develop new therapies and to find a cure for
40 those impacted by Type 1 Diabetes.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
42 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Della H. Stoner,
43 organizer of Type 1 Diabetes Day at the state capitol, on behalf of the Juvenile Diabetes
44 Research Foundation, Dexcom, Omnipod, and Medtronic.