

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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Diabetes is a chronic, deadly disease that kills more people each year than breast cancer and AIDS combined. It affects one out of every seven adults (over 1 million people) residing in the County of Los Angeles. Nationally, 25.8 million people live with diabetes, 79 million adults are considered pre-diabetic, and sadly, the rate is increasing. The total health care and related costs for the treatment of diabetes is approximately \$174 billion nationally.

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) is a leader in the fight to stop diabetes, and locally, the ADA partners with community-based groups, schools, hospitals and houses of worship to slow the growth of this deadly disease. In 2011, targeted outreach programs to high-risk populations assisted 76,089 Latinos and 50,643 African Americans in the greater Los Angeles region.

The premier ADA fundraising event is a 5K, "Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes," which will be held on Saturday, October 27th in Griffith Park. Proceeds support groundbreaking diabetes research, advocacy efforts and outreach/education events

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throughout Los Angeles County.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1) Proclaim Saturday, October 27th “Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes Day” throughout Los Angeles County and;
 - 2) Request that each County Department Wellness Coordinator publicize the event and post promotional flyers; and
 - 3) Request that the County’s Office of Workplace Programs and County Department Heads support the program, and encourage employee participation in “Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes Day” on Saturday, October 27th.
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