SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
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A RESOLUTION

Proclaiming November 2018 as Diabetic Eye Disease Awareness Month.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS one in four Americans age 65 and older has diabetes, which puts each of these individuals at increased risk for vision loss and blindness; and

WHEREAS both type one and type two diabetes can result in diabetic retinopathy, which causes the small blood vessels in the eyes to leak and grow irregularly; and

WHEREAS diabetic retinopathy can cause other blinding complications, such as macular edema, which causes swelling of the part of the eye responsible for detailed vision; and

WHEREAS diabetic retinopathy affects 30 percent of people living with diabetes; and

WHEREAS annual dilated eye examinations can help prevent 95 percent of diabetes-related vision loss;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature proclaims November 2018 as Diabetic Eye Disease Awareness Month.