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WASHINGTON STATE LABOR COUNCIL DIABETES STAKEHOLDERING ROUNDTABLE
RESOLUTION #2024.26

WHEREAS, there are 37.3 million Americans with Diabetes; and

WHEREAS, approximately 582,006 people in Washington, or 9.7% of the adult population, have diagnosed diabetes; and

WHEREAS, an additional 164,000 people in Washington have diabetes but don't know it, greatly increasing their health risk; and

WHEREAS, there are 1,938,000 people in Washington, 33.7% of the adult population, who have prediabetes; and

WHEREAS, every year an estimated 53,166 people in Washington are diagnosed with diabetes; and

WHEREAS, diagnosed diabetes costs an estimated \$6.7 billion in Washington each year; and

WHEREAS, prevalence of diagnosed diabetes was highest among American Indian (13.6%), followed by non-Hispanic Black adults (12.1%), adults of Hispanic origin (11.7%), Asian adults (9.1%) and non-Hispanic White adults (6.9%). These disparities are caused by limited access to healthcare, nutrition, as well as environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, in Washington, men, Black people, Hispanics, American Indians, Alaska Natives who are over 65 years old, or have low income or less education are more likely to have diabetes than other Washington adults; and

WHEREAS, the serious complications include heart disease, stroke, coma, amputation, end-stage kidney disease, blindness—and death, and whereas diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death in Washington; and

WHEREAS, there are multiple diabetes support groups but no organized table to stakeholder policy; and

WHEREAS, diabetes care is one of the top costs to WSLC affiliates healthcare plans and to union rank and file members every year; now therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that the WSLC will formulate a diabetes stakeholdering roundtable which will include unions, union trusts, diabetes patient advocacy groups, and diabetics; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the WSLC diabetes roundtable will propose, assist in drafting and advocate for the agreed upon policies at the state and federal level; and be it finally

RESOLVED, these policies will be included in the “Working Families’ Agenda” at the state legislature.