



## Legislation Text

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To Celebrate June 2015 as Men's Health Month and to recognize The Alla Baba Temple No. 53 AEAONMS for their commitment to raising diabetes awareness in Central Ohio.

**WHEREAS**, Diabetes is a disease that affects the body's ability to produce or respond to insulin, a hormone that allows blood glucose to enter the cells of the body and be used for energy. Without insulin the body cannot control the amount of sugar in the blood. Over a period of time, high blood sugar can damage the cells in the body leading to problems such as blindness, heart disease, kidney failure, stroke, nerve damage and leg amputations; and

**WHEREAS**, The Alla Baba Temple No. 53, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine is committed to raising diabetes awareness in Central Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, Alla Baba does this work in conjunction with its national organization the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine which has adopted diabetes awareness as one of its central philanthropic programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Nearly 26 million people in the United States have diabetes. More than 897,000 people in Ohio and more than 200,000 in Central Ohio have the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, The prevalence of diagnosed and undiagnosed diabetes among people aged 20 years or older in the United States stands at 23.5 million, as 10.7% of all people in this age group have diabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, The Alla Baba Temple works to raise awareness in Central Ohio through various programs, most notably, the Nobles for Diabetes Street Awareness Campaign in partnership with the Central Ohio Diabetes Association. The temple also participates in the African American Male Wellness Walk as well as the Diabetes and Other Illnesses Health Fair in conjunction with the Daughters of Isis AEAONMS, PHA; and

**WHEREAS**, The Alla Baba Temple No. 53 is working with myriad community partners to raise diabetes awareness in the community, and advocate on the importance of nutrition and wellness in Central Ohio, Now therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That this Council recognizes the importance of the Men's Health Month, and commends the Alla Baba Temple No. 53 AEAONMS for their work to raise diabetes awareness in Central Ohio.