



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, diabetes affects 30.3 million people, 9.4% of the population in the United States, and is a serious disease for which there is no known cure and which is the seventh leading cause of death by disease in the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately one quarter of the Americans who have diabetes, 7.2 million (23.8% of people), do not know they have the disease and may experience damage to the heart, eyes, kidneys, and limbs without producing any symptoms; and

WHEREAS, another 84.1 million, or 1 in 3 American adults, has pre-diabetes, a condition which puts them at greater risk for developing Type 2 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, diabetes can lead to serious complications such as blindness, kidney failure, and heart disease; and

WHEREAS, diabetes is one of the top 7 causes of death in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all Tennesseans to be aware of diabetes and their risks for the disease; and

WHEREAS, during Diabetes Awareness Month, we renew our dedication to combating this chronic, life threatening illness by standing with those living with diabetes, honoring the professionals and advocates engaged in fighting diabetes, and working to raise awareness about the prevention of Type 2 diabetes, diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes and treatments for all diabetes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November, 2017 as

Diabetes Awareness Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this nineteenth day of October, 2017.

Governor

Secretary of State

