



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, diabetes affects over 30 million people in the United States and is a serious disease for which there is no known cure; and

**WHEREAS**, diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death by disease in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately one quarter of the Americans who have diabetes 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 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 Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 2019 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 twenty-first day of October, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

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Secretary of State