



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, diabetes affects over 38 million people in the United States and is a serious disease for which there is effective treatment but no known cure; and

WHEREAS, over 800,000 adults in Tennessee or nearly 15% of the adult population have diagnosed diabetes; and

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

WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 5 of the Americans who have diabetes do not know they have the disease and may experience damage to the heart, eyes, kidneys, and limbs before experiencing any symptoms; and

WHEREAS, another 98 million, more than 1 in 3 American adults, have 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, amputations, kidney failure, stroke, and heart disease; and

WHEREAS, all Tennesseans need to be aware of diabetes and should be tested for diabetes if they have any of the major risk factors for the disease, including family history of diabetes, overweight or obesity, or gestational diabetes; 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 2024 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 seventeenth day of October, 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

Justin King

Secretary of State