



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, with more than 27 million Americans living with diabetes and many more going undiagnosed, diabetes affects people across the country and remains a pressing health concern; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010 Tennessee ranked 5th in the nation with percentage of adult population with diabetes, a number that increased by 35% since 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of children in Tennessee live with Type 1 diabetes (also known as juvenile diabetes) and it is projected that 1 of 3 children who were born in the year 2000 will develop some sort of diabetes in their lifetime; and

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

**WHEREAS**, diabetes is one of the top 6 causes of death in Tennessee; 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 prevention of Type 2 diabetes, diagnoses of Type 1 diabetes and treatments for all diabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, as November 14 is World Diabetes Day; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2014 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 third day of October, 2014.



*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Joe Ricketts*

Secretary of State