



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 the prevention of Type 2 diabetes, diagnosis 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 November, 2015 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 seventh day of October, 2015.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Jae Knight

Secretary of State