



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, diabetes is a serious and debilitating disease that poses a major health problem to the residents of the Silver State, and 7.9 percent of Nevadans have been diagnosed with diabetes; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Diabetes Association, diabetes affects 29.1 million people and is a disease for which there is no known cure, and which is the seventh leading cause of death by disease in the U.S.; 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, 20 percent of Nevadans have pre-diabetes, a condition which puts them at greater risk for developing Type 2 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone that enables people to get energy from food, and it strikes both children and adults, it comes on suddenly, and causes dependence on injected or pumped insulin for life, and carries the constant threat of complications; and

WHEREAS, diabetes can lead to other life-threatening complications such as blindness, kidney disease, heart disease, stroke and nerve pain which leads to loss of productivity and it is the leading cause of non-accident lower limb amputation, and diabetes affects young and old alike, with minority populations in the United States having an increased risk for developing the disease; and

WHEREAS, an increase in community awareness of risk factors and symptoms related to diabetes can improve the likelihood that people with diabetes will get the attention needed before suffering the devastating complications of the disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim November 2016 as

DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH IN NEVADA



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 13th day of October, 2016.

By the Governor: _____ Governor

Barbara K. Legans
Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy