



State of North Carolina

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GOVERNOR

DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the seventh leading cause of death by disease in the United States, diabetes affects 29.1 million Americans, or 9.3 percent of the population; there is no known cure for this serious disease; and

WHEREAS, 8.1 million, or 27.8 percent, of those living with diabetes in the United States remain undiagnosed; without treatment, diabetes can cause damage to the heart, eyes, kidneys, and limbs; and

WHEREAS, another 86 million Americans have prediabetes, a serious health condition that often leads to Type 2 diabetes; if current trends continue, 1 in 3 adults in the United States will have diabetes by 2050; and

WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes (T1D) is an autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone that enables people to get energy from food; the body's immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas, called beta cells; and

WHEREAS, the onset of T1D is unrelated to diet or lifestyle, and there is no known prevention or cure; while the cause is not entirely understood, scientists believe environmental and genetic factors are involved; and

WHEREAS, T1D can occur suddenly, and affects children and adults of any age; those with T1D are dependent on injected or pumped insulin for life, and remain vulnerable to devastating complications; and

WHEREAS, of the 1.25 million Americans living with T1D, 200,000 are less than 20 years old; the prevalence of T1D in people under age 20 increased by 21 percent between 2001 and 2009; and

WHEREAS, 40,000 Americans are diagnosed with T1D each year, and 5 million—including nearly 600,000 youths—are expected to have the disease by 2050; the annual cost of T1D-associated health care is over \$14 billion in the United States; and

WHEREAS, diabetes has many faces, affecting men and women of all ages, races, ethnicities, and backgrounds; minority populations in the United States are at a higher risk for developing the disease; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages citizens to increase awareness of the risk factors and symptoms related to diabetes; with access to information and support, those affected by diabetes in our communities are more likely to find treatment, before suffering the devastating complications of this disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2017, as "DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.