



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

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

WHEREAS, diabetes has many faces, affecting everyone, young and old alike - Caucasians, African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, with minority populations in the United States having an increased risk for developing the disease; AND

WHEREAS, approximately one quarter of the Americans who have diabetes, 8.1 million (27.8%) of people, do not know they have the disease and may experience damage to the heart, eyes, kidneys and limbs without producing any symptoms; 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; and

WHEREAS, there is no prevention for T1D, and – at present – no cure; and

WHEREAS, T1D comes on suddenly, causes dependence on injected or pumped insulin for life and carries the constant threat of devastating complications; and

WHEREAS, 1.25 million Americans are living with T1D including about 200,000 youth and over a million adults; and

WHEREAS; between 2001 and 2009 there was a 21 percent increase in the prevalence of T1D in people under age 20 14B T1D-associated annual healthcare costs in the U.S.;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 2019, as

Diabetes Awareness Month

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 17th day of September 2019.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor