



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, diabetes affects 29.1 million people 9.3 of the population in the United States, and is a serious disease for which there is no known cure,*

*WHEREAS, diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death by disease in the United States; 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, another 86 million, or 1 in 3 American adults, has pre-diabetes, a condition which puts them at greater risk for developing Type 2 diabetes, and if current trends continue, 1 in 3 American adults 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; and*

*WHEREAS, including nearly 600,000 youth between 2001 and 2009, there was a 21% increase in the prevalence of T1D in people under age 20 14B T1D-associated annual healthcare costs in the U.S; and*

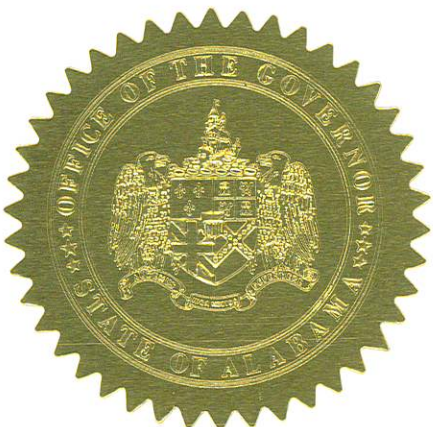
*WHEREAS, diabetes has many faces, affecting everyone, young and old alike - Caucasians, African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, with minority populations in the United States having an increased risk for developing the disease; and*

*WHEREAS, 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 they need before suffering the devastating complications of the disease;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 2020, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor