Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, diabetes 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, 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 symptoms; and

WHEREAS, another 86 million people have pre-diabetes, a condition which puts them at greater risk for developing Type 2 diabetes. If current trends continue, one in three Americana 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. It occurs when the body's immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas, called beta cells; and

WHEREAS, T1D affects both children and adults at any age. It comes on suddenly, causes dependence on injected or pumped insulin for life and carries the constant threat of devastating complications; and

WHEREAS, an increase in community awareness of risk factors and symptoms 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 2026, 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 12th day of November 2026.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor