



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, diabetes affects 29.1 million people and is a serious disease for which there is no known cure and which 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 exhibiting any symptoms; and

WHEREAS, another 86 million Americans – one in three of our citizens – have pre-diabetes, putting them at greater risk for developing Type 2 diabetes; 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; T1D occurs when the body’s immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas, called beta cells; and while its causes are not yet entirely understood, scientists believe that both genetic factors and environmental triggers are involved – although the actual onset of T1D does not result from diet or lifestyle choices; and

WHEREAS, T1D strikes both children and adults at any age, coming on suddenly and resulting in dependence on injected or pumped insulin for life while carrying the constant threat of devastating complications; and

WHEREAS, 1.25 million Americans are living with T1D and 40,000 more are diagnosed each year, with 5 million people in the United States expected to have T1D by 2050; and

WHEREAS, between 2001 and 2009 there was a 21-percent increase in the occurrence of T1D in people under the age of 20; 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, increasing 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, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER, Governor of the state of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2015 to be

DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1st day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fortieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-sixth.

C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE