



State of  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH**  
NOVEMBER 2017

**WHEREAS**, diabetes affects 29.1 million people, 9.3 percent of the population in the United States, 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, 8.1 million, 27.8 percent of the population in the United States, do not know they have the disease and may experience damage to the heart, eyes, kidneys and limbs without producing any symptoms; and

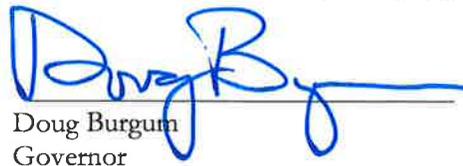
**WHEREAS**, another 86 million, or 1 in 3 American adults, have pre-diabetes, a condition which puts them at greater risk for developing Type 2 diabetes, and if current trends continue, 1 in 3 American adults will have diabetes by 2050; and

**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. It occurs when the body's immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas, called beta cells. While its causes are not yet entirely understood, scientists believe that both genetic factors and environmental triggers are involved. Its onset has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle. There is no prevention for T1D, and – at present – no cure; and

**WHEREAS**, T1D strikes 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**, 1.25 million Americans are living with T1D, including about 200,000 youths and over 1 million adults; 40,000 people are diagnosed each year in the U.S.; 5 million people in the U.S. are expected to have T1D by 2050, including nearly 600,000 youths; between 2001 and 2009 there was a 21 percent increase in the prevalence of T1D in people under age 20; and there was \$14 billion in T1D-associated annual health care costs in the U.S.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 2017, **DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

  
Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State