

State Of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, diabetes and prediabetes are chronic conditions that occur when the body does not properly produce or use the hormone insulin; and

WHEREAS, type 2 diabetes is the most common type of diabetes, affecting more than 29 million Americans including 2.4 million Floridians, representing an estimated 90 to 95 percent of all diagnosed adult diabetes cases; and

WHEREAS, diabetes also increases the risk of potentially fatal health issues, such as vision loss, heart disease, stroke, and kidney failure, including high blood pressure and obesity; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, diabetes costs Americans \$245 billion annually, with direct medical costs accounting for \$176 billion of the total costs. Cardiovascular disease accounts for 28 percent of the costs for treating people with diabetes; and

WHEREAS, diabetes and cardiovascular disease affects Americans of all backgrounds and ages and are considered chronic and debilitating illnesses; and

WHEREAS, appropriate awareness and education about the cardiovascular risks associated with diabetes can effectively improve the overall outcome and reduce financial burdens of the illnesses; and

WHEREAS, while there is not yet a cure for diabetes, medical research has confirmed that improved eating habits and increased physical activity can dramatically reduce the instance of type 2 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, public education and increased awareness about cardiovascular risks associated with diabetes can effectively improve outcomes, reducing negative outcomes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby designate the month of November, 2017, as

DIABETES AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Florida and encourage state agencies, healthcare providers, and all Floridians to promote a healthy lifestyle, raising the awareness of the connection between diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet offer support to the medical professionals, scientists, researchers, and caregivers who have dedicated themselves to battling these diseases.

IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida has hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on this 7th day of November, 2017.



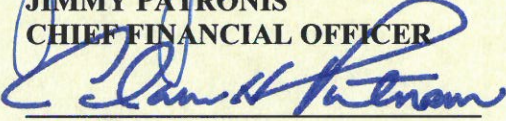
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