

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 20-1195 Recognizing November as National Diabetes Awareness Month

WHEREAS, each year, more than 40,000 individuals are diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes (T1D) in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) is an autoimmune disease with no known prevention or cure, in which a person's pancreas stops producing insulin, a necessary hormone that converts food to energy; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that 187,000 children younger than 20 are among the 1.6 million Americans who live with T1D, a 30% increase from 2017; and

WHEREAS, between 2002 and 2015, T1D cases increased by 20% among African American and Hispanic children; 19% among Asian/Pacific Island children; and 14% among White children; and

WHEREAS, nearly 18,000 of those with the disease live in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the annual health care costs associated with T1D is a staggering \$14 billion and diabetes in all forms costs the American economy \$3.5 trillion a year; and

WHEREAS, according to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), the estimated loss of life-expectancy for individuals diagnosed with T1D is up to 13 years; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver recognizes the JDRF as the leading global organization leading the fight against T1D by funding research, advocating for policies that accelerate access to new therapies, and providing support for millions of people around the world impacted by T1D.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council proclaims November 2020 as National Diabetes Awareness Month.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted the JDRF Rocky Mountain Chapter.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 26, 2020

_____ PRESIDENT