



Proclamation No. 19-1264
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 National Institutes of Health (NIH) reports that T1D among people under the age of 20 rose by 21 percent between 2001 and 2009, and if unabated the prevalence of the disease will double every generation; 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 funding research to end T1D, its commitment to an ongoing stream of life-changing therapies that lessen the impact of T1D, as well as promoting awareness to treat and cure T1D, thereby improving the quality of life for those living with 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 2019 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 November 12, 2019

PRESIDENT