



**Proclamation No. 17-1291
Recognizing November as National Diabetes Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, Colorado is observing National Diabetes Awareness during November; 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, an estimated 1.25 million Americans live with T1D, including 200,000 youth; and

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

WHEREAS, 40,000 people are diagnosed with T1D each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the annual health care costs associated with T1D is a staggering \$14 billion in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, 5 million Americans are expected to have T1D by 2050, including nearly 600,000 youths; 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 efforts of the JDRF to raise funds and promote awareness to treat and cure T1D, thereby improving the quality of human 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 2017 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 to Rose Robeson, JDRF Rocky Mountain Chapter Board President.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 13, 2017

PRESIDENT