

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, diabetes affects 30.3 million people, 9.4 percent of the population in the United States, and is a serious disease for which there is no known cure; and,

WHEREAS, another 84.1 million people have pre-diabetes, a condition which puts them at greater risk for developing Type 2 diabetes; if current trends continue, one in three American adults will have diabetes by the year 2050; and,

WHEREAS, approximately one quarter of the Americans who have diabetes, 8.1 million people, do not know they have the disease and may experience damage to the heart, eyes, kidneys, and limbs without presenting any symptoms; and,

WHEREAS, in Illinois, more than 1.3 million adults are affected by diabetes, with another 3.5 million adults in the prediabetes stage, costing the state more than \$12.2 billion in health care costs and lost productivity; and,

WHEREAS, people with diabetes require regular preventive treatment to delay the natural progression of the disease; much of these treatments, such as routine blood sugar monitoring, must be self-managed by the patient or a caregiver; and,

WHEREAS, people with all forms of diabetes need annual eye, foot, kidney function, and dental exams, among other treatments; and,

WHEREAS, diabetes has many faces, affecting everyone young and old; additionally, minorities having an increased risk of developing the disease; and,

WHEREAS, an increase in community awareness of the risk factors and symptoms related to diabetes can improve the likelihood that people with diabetes will get the attention they need before suffering the devastating complications of the disease;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 2017 as **DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH** in Illinois and encourage all citizens to help fight this disease and its deadly complications by increasing awareness of the risk factors for diabetes, and by providing support to those suffering from diabetes.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-FOURTH day of OCTOBER, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
SEVENTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
one hundred and NINETY-NINTH.

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 SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner
 GOVERNOR