

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

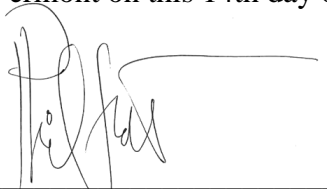
- WHEREAS,** there have been 23.1 million Americans diagnosed with diabetes – the seventh leading cause of death in the United States and in Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** approximately one quarter of the Americans who have diabetes may not know it, and may experience damage to the heart, eyes, kidneys, and limbs without producing any symptoms; and
- WHEREAS,** another estimated 84 million American adults have prediabetes, a condition which puts them at greater risk for developing Type 2 diabetes (T2D), of which 90 percent are unaware of their diagnosis; and
- WHEREAS,** Type 1 diabetes (T1D) is an autoimmune disease in which a person’s pancreas stops producing insulin, and the body’s immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas; and
- WHEREAS,** T1D can strike both children and adults at any age, occur suddenly, and create dependence on injected or pumped insulin for life; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 1 million Americans are currently living with T1D with approximately 40,000 diagnosed each year in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** diabetes affects people from all walks of life, young and old alike, with minority populations in the United States having an increased risk for developing the disease.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 2017

**DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH**


in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 14th day of November, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott  
Governor



Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs