



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Diabetes is a serious disease affecting 29.1 million people, 9.3% of the population in the United States, and is the seventh leading cause of death by disease in the nation; and
- WHEREAS: Type 1 diabetes (T1D) is an autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone that enables people to get energy from food; and
- WHEREAS: It occurs when the body's immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas called beta cells.
- WHEREAS: While causes for T1D are not yet entirely understood, scientists believe that both genetic factors and environmental triggers are involved; its onset has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle; and
- WHEREAS: T1D strikes suddenly, afflicting both children and adults, and causes dependence on injected or pumped insulin for life, and carries the constant threat of devastating complications; and
- WHEREAS: 1.25 million Americans are living with T1D, and 40,000 people are diagnosed each year; and
- WHEREAS: Between 2001 and 2009, there was a 21% increase in the prevalence of T1D in people under age 20, and the number of people living with T1D is expected to increase to 5 million people by 2050, including nearly 600,000 youth; and
- WHEREAS: An increase in community awareness of risk factors and symptoms related to diabetes can improve the likelihood that people with diabetes will get the attention they need before suffering any devastating complications.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2016, as:

## TYPE 1 DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE