



# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

### **Diabetes Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, diabetes affects 29.1 million people, or 9.3 percent of the population of the United States, and is a serious disease for which there is no known cure and is the seventh leading cause of death by disease in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 8.1 million Americans who have diabetes (about 25 percent) do not know they have the disease and may experience damage to the heart, eyes, kidneys and limbs without any symptoms; and

**WHEREAS**, 86 million Americans have pre-diabetes, a condition that puts them at greater risk for developing Type 2 diabetes, which raises your blood glucose levels; and

**WHEREAS**, if current trends continue, one in three American adults will have diabetes by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, Type 1 diabetes (T1D) is an autoimmune disease that strikes both children and adults at any age, coming on suddenly and causing dependence on injected or pumped insulin for life, along with the constant threat of complications; and

**WHEREAS**, 1.25 million Americans are living with T1D including 200,000 youths under 20 years old and over a million adults over 20 years old, and five million people in the United States are expected to have T1D by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, diabetes can affect anyone, young and old alike, and different ethnicities from Caucasians and African Americans to Latinos and Native Americans as well as Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, with minority populations in the United States having an increased risk for developing the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, in Hawai'i, we have the highest rate of diabetes in the country with nearly 600,000 people living with prediabetes or diabetes, affecting 1 in 3 individuals; of this total, over 154,000 people have diabetes and an additional 442,000 are diagnosed with prediabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, educating our community on the risk factors and symptoms related to diabetes can improve the likelihood that people with diabetes will get the attention they need before suffering complications;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 2016 as**

### **"DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in fighting this disease and its deadly complications, including heart and kidney disease, stroke, blindness and amputation, by increasing awareness of the risk factors for diabetes and by providing support to those suffering from diabetes.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this fourth day of November 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i