



Proclamation
In Recognition of
World Diabetes Day

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), the number of people with diabetes worldwide has risen from 108 million in 1980 to 422 million in 2014; the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) estimates that this number will rise to over 640 million adults by 2040; and

WHEREAS, over 154,000 people have diabetes in Hawai'i, with about 8,000 people newly diagnosed every year; and

WHEREAS, diabetes is a serious disease with no known cure; complications include heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney disease, periodontal disease, amputation and death; and

WHEREAS, Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes and occurs when there is a problem with an individual's body that causes blood glucose (sugar) levels to rise higher than normal causing hyperglycemia; over a long period of time, this condition is linked to damage to the body and failure of various organs and tissues; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, World Diabetes Day was established by WHO and IDF in response to growing concerns about the global health threat caused by diabetes; and

WHEREAS, celebrated every November 14, World Diabetes Day 2017's theme is focused on women and diabetes, "Our Right to a Healthy Future", and highlights the challenges, particularly in developing countries, for girls and women with diabetes in accessing cost-effective diabetes prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment, and care; and

WHEREAS, over 199 million women are living with diabetes worldwide and, although the disease affects men and women in almost equal numbers, women have a higher risk for blindness, kidney disease, depression, and heart attacks—with lower survival rates and poorer quality of life after a heart attack; and

WHEREAS, small steps can be taken, such as increased physical activity and healthy eating, to significantly decrease the chances of developing Type 2 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Chapter of the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE), whose members include registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, dietitians, pharmacists, and physicians, sponsor an annual diabetes conference and develop resources and activities to assist health professionals and the public learn more about diabetes;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 14, 2017 as

"WORLD DIABETES DAY"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to get screened for prediabetes or diabetes and to seek appropriate care if diagnosed with the disease, and to support efforts to assist women in our community to receive equal access to affordable diabetes care and education so they can effectively manage their disease with better health outcomes.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirteenth day of October 2017.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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