



John Bel Edwards
GOVERNOR

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** diabetes affects 29.1 million people 9.3% of the population in the United States, and is a serious disease for which there is no known cure and which is the seventh leading cause of death by disease in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas stops producing insulin. It occurs when the body's immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas called beta cells. There is no prevention for T1D, and at present there is no cure; and
- WHEREAS,** Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes and is called insulin resistant as the body does not use insulin properly.
- WHEREAS,** diabetes strikes both children and adults at any age; it comes on suddenly, causes dependence on injected or pumped insulin for life, and carries the constant threat of devastating complications; and
- WHEREAS,** approximately 521,294 people in Louisiana, or 13.9% of the population, have diabetes and in addition, 1,272,000 people in Louisiana, 37.5% of the adult population, have prediabetes; 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 the devastating complications of the disease.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** **I, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim November 2016 as
- DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH**
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State
of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge,
on this 1ST day of November A.D., 2016 .*



Governor of Louisiana