

MUSCATINE, IOWA PROCLAMATION
DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH – NOVEMBER 2018

WHEREAS, diabetes is growing at an epidemic rate worldwide affecting more than 422 million people. The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) estimates by 2040 there will be more than 642 million people living with the disease. The United States rank #3 out of 10 in diabetes diagnoses; and

WHEREAS, diabetes is growing at an epidemic rate in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), over 30.3 million Americans have diabetes and face its devastating complications. What's true nationwide is also true in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Diabetes Association, diabetes affects approximately 286,000 people in Iowa – 10.8% of the population, 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, according to the American Diabetes Association, approximately 75,000 people in Iowa have diabetes but do not know they have the disease and may experience damage to the heart, eyes, kidneys, and limbs greatly increasing their health risk; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Diabetes Association, another 810,000 people in Iowa, 35.2% of the adult population have prediabetes, a condition which puts them at greater risk for developing Type 2 diabetes, and if current trends continue, 1 in 3 American adults will have diabetes by 2050; and

WHEREAS, diabetes has many faces, affecting everyone, young and old alike - Caucasians, African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders, with minority populations in the United States having an increased risk for developing the disease; 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 Diana Broderson, Mayor of Muscatine, do hereby proclaim November, 2018, as **DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH** in Muscatine, Iowa, and encourage all citizens to help fight 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.

Diana Broderson, Mayor

