

**PROCLAMATION
DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH – NOVEMBER 2014**

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, approximately one quarter of the Americans who have diabetes, 8.1 million (27.8%) of people, don't know they have the disease and may experience damage to the heart, eyes, kidneys, and limbs without producing any symptoms; and

WHEREAS, another 86 million, or 1 in 3 American adults, has pre-diabetes, 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, WE THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, do hereby proclaim November, 2014, as Diabetes Awareness Month in Talbot County, 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, by making healthy lifestyle choices, and by providing support to those suffering from diabetes.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND THE GREAT SEAL OF
TALBOT COUNTY, THIS 28th DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE
YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN.

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