

RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1483

A resolution recognizing November 2018 as Diabetes Awareness month in Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, each November, communities across the country observe Diabetes Awareness Month to bring attention to diabetes and its impact on millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, diabetes poses serious complications for those afflicted, including heart disease, stroke, amputation, end-stage kidney disease, blindness, and in some cases, death; and

WHEREAS, diabetes is growing at an epidemic rate in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 30 million Americans have diabetes; and

WHEREAS, approximately 817,852 people, or 14.9% of the adult population in Tennessee have diabetes; and

WHEREAS, 1,733,000 people in Tennessee have prediabetes which is characterized by blood glucose levels higher than normal; and

WHEREAS, every year, an estimated 38,000 people are diagnosed with diabetes in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the city of Nashville and its medical institutions are committed to fighting this deadly disease through research, patient care, drug development, and awareness; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee continues to fight diabetes through Project Diabetes, a statewide initiative that funds innovative primary prevention projects to halt the increasing rate of obesity in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognize November 2018 as Diabetes Awareness month in Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee, and urge all citizens to help fight this disease and its life-threatening complications by increasing awareness of the risk factors for diabetes, making healthy lifestyle choices, and by providing care and treatment to those suffering from diabetes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing the month of November, 2018 as Diabetes Awareness Month in Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee.

Section. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

INTRODUCED BY:

Kathleen Murphy

Mina Johnson

Nancy VanReece
Members of Council

