

NOVEMBER IS AMERICAN DIABETES MONTH®



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The Honorable Jeff Serdy
Office of the Mayor
Apache Junction, AZ 85119

Dear Mayor Serdy:

Approximately every 21 seconds, someone in the United State is diagnosed with diabetes. Together we can change this statistic; and you and the residents of Apache Junction can help this November. Please join with us to prevent diabetes and address this growing epidemic during American Diabetes Month® by encouraging the people of ARIZONA to become involved in changing the future of this disease and proclaiming November to be American Diabetes Month in Apache Junction.

More than 30 million children and adults in the United State have diabetes, including **682,071** in Arizona, and another 84 million are at high risk for developing type 2 diabetes. During American Diabetes Month, the American Diabetes Association invites local Apache Junction residents to join us in our mission to end this epidemic and improve the lives of people affected by diabetes.

The 2017 American Diabetes Month theme, *Dear Diabetes*, will raise urgency around the diabetes epidemic and bring home the stark reality that diabetes touches us all. Nearly half of American adults have diabetes or prediabetes—a staggering statistic. Yet, despite its prevalence, many don't perceive diabetes as a serious health threat that can lead to deadly complications. This November, we are sounding the alarm and asking everyone to do something about diabetes. From learning your risk, to donating to support research for a cure, to writing a letter to diabetes to show how it affects you or your loved one, everyone can be part of changing the course of this deadly epidemic. Throughout the month, more information about diabetes will be available online at diabetes.org/deardiabetes or at 1-800-DIABETES.

Attached is suggested language for an American Diabetes Month proclamation. Also attached is more information about American Diabetes Month, which includes relevant diabetes statistics in the United States.

To be successful in stopping diabetes, we need everyone, including the residents of Apache Junction, to come together and fight this deadly epidemic.

Should you have any questions regarding our request, please feel free to contact MarieTice at 602-861-4731 ext 7087 or mtice@diabetes.org. We look forward to your response, and hope we can count on your support for American Diabetes Month!

Sincerely,

Anne Dennis
Executive Director