

# Proclamation

## *Doña Ana County* *State of New Mexico*

WHEREAS, worldwide, we acknowledge November as Diabetes Awareness Month to bring attention to diabetes, and awareness of all forms of this chronic condition; and

WHEREAS, over the past 10 years, the risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes has significantly increased. Today, we highlight diabetes because of its detrimental impact on our community, as the New Mexico Department of Health states 300,000 adults are diabetic and 640,000+ are prediabetic. Yearly, 12,484 people in New Mexico are diagnosed with diabetes; and

WHEREAS, among adults, Type 1 Diabetes accounts for 5% of diagnosed cases. Nationwide, an estimated 110 people are diagnosed with T1D every day, half of them children. These children live with the daily struggle of continuous monitoring, anxiety caused by difficult-to-maintain sugar levels, and a need for timely snacks with a continuous risk of potential complications; and

WHEREAS, SB-48, the Student Diabetes Management Act of 2019 provides guidelines for school districts to follow in managing students with Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes and allows for needed training for school staff, so they can recognize early signs of a potential emergency. The requirements help standardize the type of care and management parents can expect for their children while they are at school; and

WHEREAS, statewide, free diabetes prevention or self-management program classes are available at [www.pathstohealthnm.org](http://www.pathstohealthnm.org). The Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach helps prevent and manage diabetes and hosts a monthly T1D education group for youth and a yearly conference scheduled on October 29 featuring wellness and vision screenings, talks about diabetes medications, cooking and more. Register at [SNMDO@snmdo.org](mailto:SNMDO@snmdo.org).

NOW THEREFORE, the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of November as

### Diabetes Awareness Month

PROUDLY PROCLAIMED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022

Board of County Commissioners for Doña Ana County, New Mexico

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Manuel A. Sanchez, Chair

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Shannon Reynolds, Member

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Diana Murillo, Vice-Chair

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Susana Chaparro, Member

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Lynn J. Ellins, Member

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Attested: Amanda López Askin, Ph.D., County Clerk