

PROCLAMATION

"TYPE ONE DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH"

WHEREAS, each year in the United State, more than 40,000 individuals are diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes (T1D), an autoimmune disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, a vital hormone that enables people to produce energy from food. Its onset is unrelated to diet or lifestyle. There is no current prevention or cure for Type 1 Diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Type 1 Diabetes strikes at any age and more than 1.25 million Americans have T1D, an estimated 200,000 of whom are children; and

WHEREAS, Type 1 Diabetes is now one of the most common life-threatening medication requiring illnesses of childhood; the prevalence of T1D is approximately 1 in 300 in the US by 18 years of age; and

WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) reports that T1D among people under age 20 rose by 21 percent between 2001 and 2009, and if unabated the prevalence of the disease will double every generation; and

WHEREAS, Type 1 Diabetes accounts for more than \$14 billion a year in healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, an increase in community awareness of risk factors and symptoms related to T1D, including symptoms of both hypoglycemia and diabetic ketoacidosis can improve the likelihood that people with diabetes will get the attention they need before suffering the devastating complications of the disease and can save lives; and

WHEREAS, JDRF is the leading global organization funding research to end T1D, and is committed to an ongoing stream of life-changing therapies that lessen the impact of T1D.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Denis L. Shortal, Mayor of the City of Dunwoody, do hereby proclaim **November** to be "**Type One Diabetes Awareness Month**" in Dunwoody, Georgia. I encourage all people to recognize Type One Diabetes Awareness Month and raise awareness of T1D – what it is, who has it, what is being done about it, and to celebrate the children and adults who live with T1D every day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia to be affixed this 18th day of November, 2019.

City of Dunwoody

Denis L. Shortal, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk