A PROCLAMATION

Commending those diagnosed and living with diabetes and recognizing November as Diabetes Awareness Month and November 14, 2020, as World Diabetes Day in Dunwoody, Georgia.

WHEREAS, diabetes is a leading cause of death in Georgia, is an incurable disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, a vital hormone in the conversion of sugar, starches, and other food into energy; and

WHEREAS, Type 1 Diabetes is an autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone that enables people to produce energy from food. It occurs when the body's immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas, called beta cells. Its onset has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle. There is no prevention for Type I Diabetes, and, at present, no cure; and

WHEREAS, Type 1 Diabetes strikes both children and adults at any age. It comes on suddenly, causes dependence on artificial insulin for life, and carries the constant threat of devastating complications up to and including death; and

WHEREAS, more than 9,000 children and a currently unknown number of adults in Georgia live with Type I Diabetes; and

WHEREAS, each year in Georgia, there are approximately 500 children diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes; 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; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal is to find a cure for diabetes so that people can live fulfilling lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Lynn Deutsch, Mayor of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia that the members of this body proclaim November 14, 2020 as World Diabetes Day in Dunwoody, Georgia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia to be affixed this 9th day of November, 2020.

City of Dunwoody

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Lynn P. Deutsch, Mayor

Attest:

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Sharon Lowery, City Clerk