

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; *Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin. Insulin is a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for daily life. The cause of diabetes continues to be a mystery, although both genetics and environmental factors such as obesity and lack of exercise appear to play roles; and*

WHEREAS; *There are 20.8 million children and adults in the United States, or 7% of the population, who have diabetes. While an estimated 14.6 million have been diagnosed with diabetes, unfortunately, 6.2 million people (or nearly one-third) are unaware that they have the disease; and*

WHEREAS; *Most people with diabetes have health problems -- or risk factors -- such as high blood pressure and cholesterol that increase one's risk for heart disease and stroke. When combined with diabetes, these risk factors add up to big trouble. In fact, more than 65% of people with diabetes die from heart disease or stroke. With diabetes, heart attacks occur earlier in life and often result in death. By managing diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol, people with diabetes can reduce their risk;*

THEREFORE; *In an effort to raise awareness of diabetes, the Mayor and Las Vegas City Council hereby proclaims*

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**National Diabetes
Awareness Month**

In the City of Las Vegas



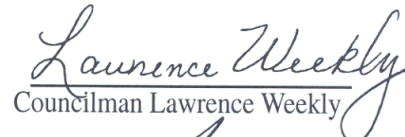
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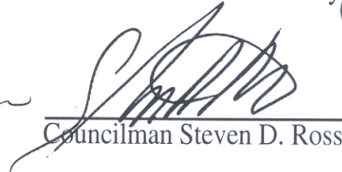
Councilman Lawrence Weekly



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Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian



Councilman Steven D. Ross