## **Judge Signs Diabetes Awareness Month Proclamation**



Pictured is Russell County Judge Executive Randy Marcum signing the Proclamation declaring November as Diabetes Awareness Month. Joining Judge Marcum are Jennifer Dixon

November is recognized as American Diabetes Month in the United States. November 14th is World Diabetes Day across the globe. Russell County Judge Executive Randy Marcum has signed a

Proclamation declaring November Diabetes Awareness Month in Russell County. If you have diabetes, take steps today to improve your control -- it is not always easy, but it is worth it! If you don't

have diabetes, talk to your health care provider to see if you are at risk. For additional information about diabetes contact your local health department and speak to the diabetes educator.

### November Diabetes Awareness Month Proclamation

Whereas: 37.1 million American adults are estimated to have diabetes (diagnosed and undiagnosed), including over 486,000 Kentuckians (13.8%) reporting that they have diabetes making Kentucky the 5th highest in the United States for the prevalence of diabetes, a serious disease that has no cure and can be associated with complications that threaten both length and quality of life; and

Whereas: an additional 101,000 adult Kentuckjans are estimated to be living with undiagnosed diabetes (based on the national rate), and 345,083 adult Kentuckians (12.2%), or one in ten, Kentuckians report being told they have prediabetes - a condition that puts them at increased risk for developing type 2 diabetes, but most remain unaware that they have the condition (applying the national rate of 1 in 3 adults having prediabetes to Kentucky, the number with prediabetes may be as high as 1.1 million); and

Whereas: diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death by disease in Kentucky and in the nation, Kentucky has the 13th highest diabetes mortality rate in the nation, and diabetes can be associated with complications that threaten both length and quality of life such as blindness, heart disease, kidney failure, stroke, and leg or foot amputations; and

Whereas: diabetes costs Kentucky over \$5 billion in total medical expenditures, lost work, and lost wages each year; and

Whereas: an increase in community awareness of risk factors and symptoms related to prediabetes and diabetes, as well as evidence-based interventions that can improve outcomes and quality of life among those with and at risk for diabetes can increase the likelihood that they will seek out education, support, and treatment early in the course of the disease; and

Whereas: structured lifestyle change programs such as the National Diabetes Prevention Program have been proven to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes in adults with prediabetes, and accredited/recognized Diabetes Self-management Education and Support programs that support appropriate self-care and behavior change strategies critical to managing diabetes have been shown to improve diabetes outcomes:

Now, Therefore, I, <u>Rand</u> Maca, Judge Executive of <u>Russell County</u> County, Kentucky, do hereby proclaim November as Diabetes Awareness Month in <u>November</u>

County, Kentucky, and urge all citizens to help fight this disease and its life-threatening complications by increasing awareness of the risk factors for diabetes, making healthy lifestyle choices, and by providing care and treatment for those living with diabetes.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of <u> $\mathcal{K}$ ussell</u> County to be affixed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of <u>Novelaber</u> 2023.

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