

WHEREAS, in the United States, over 29 million people – including over **700,000** in **North Texas** -- have diabetes, a serious disease with potentially lifethreatening complications such as heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney disease and amputation; and

WHEREAS, an additional 86 million people in the United States are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, recent estimates project that one in three children born today will have diabetes by the time they are 50 years old if current trends continue; and

WHEREAS, an increase in community awareness is necessary to put a stop to the diabetes epidemic.

Now, therefore I, Bob Phelps, by authority vested in me and on behalf of our City Council do hereby proclaim November, 2014 as

American Diabetes Month

in the City of Farmers Branch, Texas and encourage all residents to support the American Diabetes Association's Stop Diabetes movement to confront, fight and most importantly, change the future of this deadly disease.