

## Proclamation Mayor Bart Castleberry City of Conway American Diabetes Month November, 2017

Whereas: In the United States, nearly 30 million people -- including approximately 250,000 in

Arkansas -- have diabetes, a serious disease with potentially life-threatening complications such as heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney disease, and

amputation; and

Whereas: Additionally another 86 million Americans have prediabetes and are at risk for

developing type 2 diabetes; and

Whereas: One out of every three children, and one out of every two minorities, born today

will face a future with diabetes if current trends continue; and

Whereas: Millions of Americans lack access to the care, treatment and education needed to

manage the disease and to prevent its devastating and costly complications, including heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, blindness, and lower-limb

amputation; and

Whereas: An increase in community awareness is necessary to put a stop to the diabetes

epidemic.

**Now therefore**, I Bart Castleberry, Mayor of the City of Conway, Arkansas do hereby proclaim November 2017 as:

## "American Diabetes Month"

I encourage all Arkansans to recognize American Diabetes Month and join the American Diabetes Association's movement to Stop Diabetes® and confront, fight and most importantly, change the future of this deadly disease.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the SEAL of the City of Conway, Arkansas to be affixed.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2017.

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Mayor Bart Castleberry