Applications such as blindness, heart or kidney disease, strokes, birth defects, and lower life expectancy. This disease also imposes a personal burden on those affected with it and on their families. Day-to-day treatment is a lifelong responsibility for those who have diabetes.

Despite diabetes' serious consequences, almost half of those with the disease are not aware they have it. Through greater public awareness of the frequency and the dangers of diabetes, we may reduce the incidence of complications from it—and even prevent most cases of noninsulin-dependent diabetes.

Thanks to advances in research in recent years, we understand more than ever before about diabetes and its mechanisms. This knowledge is providing the basis for trials of new diagnostic techniques and new treatments.

Through the shared dedication of the Federal government and of private organizations and individuals, we can continue to make progress in research and education efforts aimed at controlling and one day curing this disease. The goal of eliminating diabetes as a public health threat is an essential task and a realizable one.

To increase public awareness about the dangers of diabetes and the need for continued research and education efforts, the Congress, by Public Law 99-460, has designated the month of November 1986 as "National Diabetes Month" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the month of November 1986 as National Diabetes Month. I call upon all government agencies and the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5573 of November 18, 1986

National Community Education Day, 1986

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

Education is a lifelong process. Local support for education helps to promote programs for learners of all ages, backgrounds, and needs and encourages full use of school facilities. As each community draws upon its own resources, new opportunities are created, helping many individuals achieve their goals and aspirations. These are the opportunities that have always sustained the freedoms and responsibilities so important to all Americans.
Public education is a community enterprise, and everyone in the community has a stake in the education of adults as well as children. Local citizen involvement is critical in deciding how the financial and educational resources of the community should be used. Many communities are making valuable efforts to promote the use of community resources in schools and colleges, citizen involvement in educational decision-making, the use of community resources to provide educational opportunities for learners of all ages and educational backgrounds, and interagency cooperation to assure effective use of limited resources.

The Congress, by Public Law 99-405, has designated November 18, 1986, as "National Community Education Day" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of the day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 18, 1986, as National Community Education Day. I invite State and local officials, educators, parents, students, and all Americans to participate in activities that recognize and show appreciation for what community resources are doing for education.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5574 of November 20, 1986

The National Floral Emblem of the United States of America
The Rose

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

Americans have always loved the flowers with which God decorates our land. More often than any other flower, we hold the rose dear as the symbol of life and love and devotion, of beauty and eternity. For the love of man and woman, for the love of mankind and God, for the love of country, Americans who would speak the language of the heart do so with a rose.

We see proofs of this everywhere. The study of fossils reveals that the rose has existed in America for age upon age. We have always cultivated roses in our gardens. Our first President, George Washington, bred roses, and a variety he named after his mother is still grown today. The White House itself boasts a beautiful Rose Garden. We grow roses in all our fifty States. We find roses throughout our art, music, and literature. We decorate our celebrations and parades with roses. Most of all, we present roses to those we love, and we lavish them on our altars, our civil shrines, and the final resting places of our honored dead.

The American people have long held a special place in their hearts for roses. Let us continue to cherish them, to honor the love and devotion they