



The Alamo to turn blue in support of ending diabetes

WHO: The American Diabetes Association, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, University Health System, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, City, County and State officials

WHAT: The Alamo will join the Eiffel Tower, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Sydney Opera House and some 200 other landmarks across the world in going “blue” for the 2nd Annual United Nations’ World Diabetes Day,

WHEN: Friday, November 14 at 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Remarks at Alamo Plaza beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by lighting of the Alamo.

WHY: **Diabetes is major concern in Bexar County.** According to local statistics, diabetes in Bexar County is twice the national average. An estimated 240,000 individuals, 14 percent of the 1.4 million population of San Antonio, live with diabetes. It is estimated that an additional 68,000 people have undiagnosed diabetes. In addition, the number of Hispanics with diabetes is 82,518 and the number of African Americans with diabetes is 28,170. More than 1 million Texans are living with diabetes and an additional 440,000 have not been diagnosed, it is estimated.

In recognizing World Diabetes Day in San Antonio, the organizations honor the support they have received from South Texans to fight the epidemic through policies to prevent, treat and cure the disease.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas have granted permission to light the Alamo blue in celebration of World Diabetes Day. The local coalition thanks Dianne MacDiarmid, DRT Alamo Committee chairman; David Stewart, director of the Alamo; and Laura Garza, events coordinator, for this goodwill gesture.

