



## PROCLAMATION

Our Nation has always drawn its strength from the differences of our people, from a vast range of thought, experience, and ability. Every day, Americans with disabilities enrich our communities and businesses. They are leaders, entrepreneurs, and innovators, each with unique talents to contribute and points of view to express.

WHEREAS, disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals with disabilities to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society and experience in the economic, political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of American society; and

WHEREAS, family members, friends and members of the community can play a central role in enhancing the lives of people with disabilities, especially when the family and community are provided with necessary support services, and employers are aware of the capabilities of people with disabilities to be engaged in competitive work in inclusive settings; and

WHEREAS, the most effective way to increase disability awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness of all of us to learn and acknowledge each individual's contributions; and

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby proclaim the month of March 2020 as

## DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

Signed this 1th day of February, 2020

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Mayor Louise Carter-King

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Attest: Cindy Staskiewicz