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## PRESS RELEASE

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Clallam County Board of Commissioners announced on October 1, 2024, its participation and proclamation of National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate the community about how individuals with disabilities, both physical and intellectual, contribute to their community through gaining stable and ongoing employment. Clallam County Health & Human Services County Coordinator for Developmental Disabilities, Kelley Lawrence, said, “We celebrate the many varied contributions that every individual can provide to their community and we support the unique talent and dedication that those who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities can offer employers.”

If you have any questions regarding employment for those with developmental disabilities, you may contact Clallam County Health & Human Services at 360-417-2407.

Proclamation attached: Recognizing October 2024 as Disability Employment Awareness Month



**PROCLAMATION**

**RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2024  
AS DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, October is "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" and;

**WHEREAS**, individuals who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities, have the ability and desire to seek employment, in settings that provide opportunities to earn competitive wages and benefits, enable them to reach their maximum potential, achieve economic self-sufficiency and contribute to their communities and;

**WHEREAS**, individuals who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities have a positive impact on the economy by earning wages, purchasing goods and services in our communities, and becoming self-supporting and;

**WHEREAS**, including individuals who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities in the workforce creates an inclusive community and;

**WHEREAS**, Clallam County strongly supports and encourages individuals who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities to find a career pathway to employment, thus, fostering the key objectives of advancing individual well-being and self-empowerment;

**WHEREAS**, individuals and their families, local government, the business community, and the general public benefit greatly from increased employment of individuals who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities and share in the responsibility for achieving this goal;

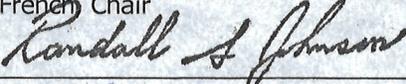
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of Clallam County Commissioners hereby recognizes October as Disability Employment Awareness Month in Clallam County and encourages all businesses and citizens to advocate and support increased employment and inclusion in the community for individuals who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities.

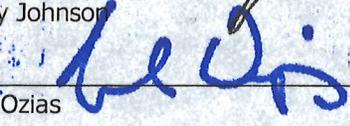
Signed this 1st day of October 2024



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