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PRESS RELEASE

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Clallam County Board of Commissioners announced on February 28, 2023 its participation and proclamation of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The purpose of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is to raise awareness and foster inclusion of people who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities in all areas of community life, as well as an awareness that people who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities continue to face barriers in fully connecting with the community in which they live. Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month highlights three main areas of our daily life: education, employment and community living.

If you have any questions regarding employment for those who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities, you may contact Clallam County Health & Human Services ~ Developmental Disabilities at 360-417-2407.

Proclamation attached: Recognizing March 2023 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING MARCH AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, developmental disability is a natural part of the human experience and affects close to 5 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of Clallam County residents and their families are successfully living their lives with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, every person has valuable strengths, capacity to learn and the potential to make important contributions to their community; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities share with all citizens the desire to achieve personal success through education, meaningful work, and family and community ties; and

WHEREAS, Clallam County residents with and without developmental disabilities work together, play together, worship together, learn together and grow together and together enrich the fabric of our communities; and

WHEREAS, we respect, value and salute the daily accomplishments of all our citizens with or without developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, no disabilities need keep individuals from realizing their full potential nor diminish their right to enjoy and participate within their community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Clallam County recognize that their community can grow closer through education, awareness and understanding by recognizing individual abilities, commonalities and differences.

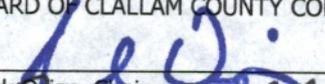
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED the Board of Clallam County Commissioners hereby recognize March 2023 as
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

and recognize that together we accomplish more and everyone benefits. We also call upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, business and schools in Clallam County to recognize the ability of individuals with developmental disabilities to make significant contributions to their communities and to take time to become acquainted with citizens with developmental disabilities and what they have to offer, and to unite the voices of all citizens, with and without developmental disabilities into a strong and inclusive Clallam County.

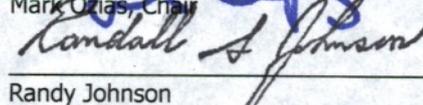
Signed this twenty-eighth day of February 2023



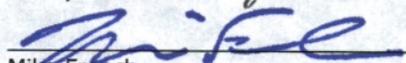
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