

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 2, 2019

To recognize the many contributions of people with developmental disabilities, to emphasize the importance of quality supports and services for people with disabilities, to reaffirm the District's commitment to building thriving communities inclusive of people with and without disabilities, and to declare the month of March 2019, as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, over 6 million Americans and an estimated 9,000 District residents have developmental disabilities;

WHEREAS, government agencies, community organizations, and individual and family leaders work together to ensure that people with developmental disabilities experience full access to education, housing, employment, recreational activities, and other community resources;

WHEREAS, we believe that inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in our communities, workplaces, and schools makes us all better off;

WHEREAS, the District is committed to recognizing that every person, regardless of disability, has gifts and talents, infinite capacity to learn and make decisions, and the capability to make important contributions to their communities if given opportunities to do so;

WHEREAS, creating inclusive, supportive, and thriving environments is everyone's responsibility;

WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 30th anniversary of the District of Columbia's self-advocacy coalition, Project ACTION!, which has achieved countless successes in advocating for the rights of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, March 2019 is the 32nd anniversary of the original Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month recognition.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the contributions of people with developmental disabilities and declares the month of March 2019, as “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month” in the District of Columbia as a confirmation of the District’s continued support for residents with developmental disabilities and those who support them to achieve their goals.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.