

Proclamation

Board of Commissioners for Washington County

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH
March 2024

WHEREAS, disability is a natural part of the human experience, and

WHEREAS, developmental disabilities in Washington County touch one of every ten families, and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities have many skills, talents and abilities to contribute to their neighborhoods and communities, and

WHEREAS, everyone wins when people with developmental disabilities receive the supports and opportunities they need to be contributing members of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the abilities of people with developmental disabilities have been traditionally and systematically undervalued, and

WHEREAS, public attitudes are the biggest barrier to full community integration and inclusion of people with developmental disabilities, and

WHEREAS, public awareness about developmental disabilities promotes acceptance and understanding, and decreases prejudice and misconception;

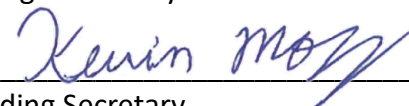
WHEREAS, this year's theme is *A World of Opportunities*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this fifth day of March 2024, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim March 2024 as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" in Washington County. We also call upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, business and schools in Washington County to recognize the ability of individuals with developmental disabilities to make significant contributions to their communities.





Kathryn Harrington,
Washington County Board Chair



Recording Secretary

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Minute Order