

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAMATION



March 22, 2018

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 1-31, 2018

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood were established by the Ohio General Assembly on October 25, 1967, two years after Lake County had established Broadmoor School and Sheltered Industries in September 1965; and

WHEREAS, the mission and purpose of Ohio's county boards of developmental disabilities remain as strong as ever, with county boards continuing to provide vital support and resources to Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families; and

WHEREAS, the more than 2,000 people with developmental disabilities served by the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and

WHEREAS, the most effective way to increase this awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of March, Ohioans will celebrate Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, as county boards of developmental disabilities and their families will continue to serve and encourage members of our communities to celebrate the abilities of all people and recognize each person's unique contributions to society.

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood hosts a variety of events that promote and celebrate Awareness Month, including: the Broadmoor Bobcats basketball games, Read Across America which pairs students from local schools with individuals at the residential programs, Ridge Middle School Day of Service pairing students with individuals at Willoughby Branch and Broadening Abilities, an art show, chili cook-off, Deepwood Idol where performers show off their talents, Strides of March 5K Run and Walk and many other activities. The Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities sponsors numerous outreach programs to raise public consciousness and support the many community partnerships that keep individuals with disabilities fully engaged, supported and productive in our society; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this important goal, the statewide theme for 2018 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is "Celebrate Community," and

WHEREAS, we encourage all citizens to foster and support such opportunities that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners in and for Lake County hereby proclaims March 1-31, 2018

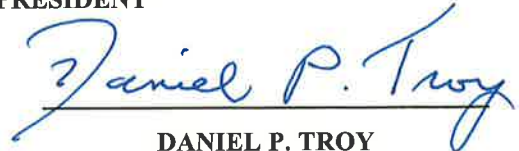
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and we urge all citizens to join in this celebration by spreading awareness of the many contributions offered by people with developmental disabilities in our community. We also urge all citizens to support opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to enjoy full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities in pursuit of living happy, fulfilling lives.

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