

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: Afuldish, Moran and Troy

Commissioner Troy presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2013 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code, and

WHEREAS, March is awareness month for Developmental Disabilities and this year's theme "Look Beyond," encourages the community to embrace the opportunities to welcome people with disabilities into neighborhoods, workplaces, houses of worship and schools, and promotes the inclusion of all citizens of Lake County with developmental disabilities in our diverse population. Currently, more than 2,000 individuals with developmental disabilities are served by the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities, each with unique talents and abilities to offer and enrich the community; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood recognizes the importance of awareness month by providing opportunities to engage the community in activities that empower individuals with developmental disabilities to be valued and contributing members of their chosen communities; and

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 Vocational Guidance Center and Willoughby Workshop to share in reading books, an art show, chili cook-off, various idol competitions where performers with developmental disabilities display 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 the public consciousness about developmental disabilities and the rewards that we all can glean from a fully engaged, supported and productive relationship with the members of our society with developmental disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, does hereby recognize March 2013 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and challenges all citizens to gain new insight into the lives of these important members of our community and understanding of the strength our community enjoys from its diversity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Lake County Auditor, Budget Director, and to Elfriede Roman, Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities, 8121 Deepwood Blvd., Mentor, OH 44060.

Commissioner Moran seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Afuldish, Moran and Troy

"NAYS": None

Resolution adopted,
Amy Elszasz, Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Amy Elszasz, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on March 21, 2013, and recorded in the Commissioners' Journal, Volume 2013.

WITNESS my hand this twenty-first day of March, 2013, in Painesville, Ohio.



Amy Elszasz, Clerk
Board of Commissioners, in and
for Lake County, Ohio