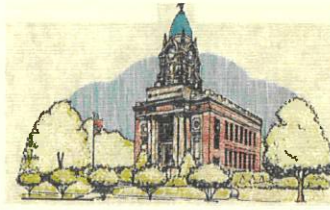


# LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## RESOLUTION



March 14, 2019

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2019 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**, the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood was 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 remaining as strong as ever, with county boards continuing to provide vital support and resources to Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake County, Ohio supports children with developmental disabilities accessing support, therapy and educational programming to develop academic skills to maximize each student's capacity, strengthen independence, increase life skills, develop competency, and enhance communication and social-emotional skills; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake County, Ohio supports adults with developmental disabilities accessing support, skill development and experiences in vocational and habilitation settings throughout the community to achieve their desired goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the more than 2,000 people with developmental disabilities served by the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities and 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 with the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and

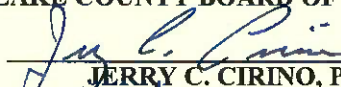
**WHEREAS**, throughout the month of March, Ohioans will celebrate Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month as county boards of developmental disabilities and their families will continue to serve and encourage members of our communities to celebrate the abilities of all people and recognize each person's unique contributions to society; 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, 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 theme for 2019 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is "CommUNITY 2 Me", and 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 2019 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month 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 efforts that assist people with developmental disabilities to make choices that enable them to live successful lives and realize their full potential.

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