

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION



March 17, 2022



RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2022 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 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 thousands of people with developmental disabilities have been supported over the years by Lake County, Ohio, their families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and

WHEREAS, Lake County, Ohio supports children and adults 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 to achieve their desired goals; and

WHEREAS, Lake County, Ohio encourages everyone to focus on the abilities of all people through active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contributions; and

WHEREAS, policies have been developed, attitudes shaped, and opportunities offered that allow people with developmental disabilities to live as independently and productively as possible in our community; and

WHEREAS, to further the mission to empower, enrich, and engage, the theme for 2022 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is "Side by Side"; and

WHEREAS, unique activities and events and services throughout the month will celebrate how everyone is empowered to engage in activities that enrich our lives and contribute to our 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, 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.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County hereby proclaims March 2022 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and we encourage all citizens to join in this celebration by spreading awareness of the many contributions offered by people with developmental disabilities in our community, and highlighting efforts that empower people with disabilities to be fully inclusive citizens of our Lake County communities.

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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