

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS** In 1987, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the month of March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month to increase public awareness of the needs and exceptional potential of Americans with intellectual developmental disabilities; and



**WHEREAS** Intellectual Developmental Disabilities are a group of conditions due to an impairment in physical, learning, language, or behavior areas that begin during the developmental period and may impact day-to-day functioning that usually last throughout a person's lifetime; and



**WHEREAS,** the goal in 2024 for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is to identify & create new opportunities that will better enable individuals with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (IDD), and their families, to live, learn, work, experience, play, and thrive in their communities; and



**WHEREAS,** orange is the official color of DD Awareness Month because it symbolizes energy and positivity. One of the easiest ways to participate is to invite your team to wear orange; and



**WHEREAS,** Fulton County's Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities has served IDD individuals through its day services programs for the past 48 years; the program is committed to bringing awareness and acceptance for people of every ability, and providing opportunities to become more independent, economically self-sufficient, and contributing members of their communities;



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County recognizes the intellectual developmentally disabled as valuable members of the Fulton County community, encourages their inclusion in every facet of life in metro Atlanta, and does hereby proclaim March 2024 as "**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

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