

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 2023 theme for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is "Beyond the Conversation", which shines a spotlight on intellectual & developmentally disabled individuals in every area of daily life. Beyond The Conversation recommends initiating actionable items to increase consciousness in the following areas: Innovations in Disability Work, Intersectionality, Sexuality Training, Financial Stability, and Entrepreneurship; 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'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 2023 as "**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



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