

# 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 Fulton County's Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Centers have expanded programs to welcome new participants, reflecting growth and community trust in our services. Through strengthened partnerships with organizations like the Chattahoochee Nature Center and Kirkwood Library, the Centers provide inclusive, community-based experiences. Enriching activities such as educational workshops and community outings foster learning, independence, and a sense of belonging for individuals with IDD; and



**WHEREAS,** Fulton's Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities has served IDD individuals through its day services programs for the past 51 years; the program is committed to bringing awareness and acceptance of people for 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 2026 as **"DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH"** in Fulton County, Georgia.



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