

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 2025 theme for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is "Creating Pathways to Independence", which shines a spotlight on intellectual & developmentally disabled individuals in every area of daily life. For individuals with developmental disabilities, independence is a journey—not a destination. It takes community support, dedicated effort, time spent practicing, and opportunities that empower individuals to reach their unique goals. With this theme, we're highlighting how we can all play a role in paving the way for these opportunities; and



WHEREAS, this March, we're asking you to join us in raising awareness and taking meaningful steps to ensure that people with developmental disabilities have the tools, resources, and support they need to thrive; and



WHEREAS, Fulton's Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities has served IDD individuals through its day services programs for the past 50 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 2025, as **"DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH"** in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

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