

RESOLUTION NO. R-022- 026

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH 2022 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
AWARENESS MONTH.**

WHEREAS, on February 26, 1987, President Ronald Reagan officially declared Proclamation 5613 making March “National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month,” in order to celebrate and recognize people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, many changes have occurred in society to support and maximize the independence of people with developmental disabilities to create a more inclusive society; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 Douglas County voters approved a one-mill property tax dedicated to services for persons with developmental disabilities and collections of this property tax began in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the 20th anniversary of the Developmental Disabilities Mill Levy, which distributes 94.5% of the Mill Levy funds to support ***Developmental Pathways***, the County’s Community-Centered Board, while retaining 5.5% for a competitive grant program, that, over the past 20 years has awarded more than \$5 million in competitive grants to organizations delivering local services supporting Douglas County residents with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD); and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities seek to achieve personal success through education, meaningful work, and family and community ties with the support of community members working toward removing barriers for them to achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month recognizes the diverse contributions, capacity, and value of Douglas County residents with developmental disabilities in schools, workplaces, houses of worship, halls of government, and throughout all aspects of community life; and

WHEREAS, celebrating the abilities and contributions of people with developmental disabilities can enrich our community, enhance our diversity, and strengthen our county; and

WHEREAS, family members, friends, and the community at large all play a role in supporting people with disabilities as they pursue their dreams; and

WHEREAS, the goals of Douglas County include helping people with disabilities realize full access to housing, employment, and recreational activities which help create productive and satisfying lives; and to live as independently as possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO, hereby declares March as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; and commends the community organizations, agencies, and programs for their dedication, awareness efforts, and outstanding assistance toward improving the quality of life for Douglas County residents with developmental disabilities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this day of 8th day of March, 2022, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

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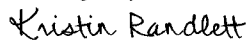
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