

**RESOLUTION NO. R-025- 018**

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2025 AS DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, on February 26, 1987, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed March as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, dedicating this time to recognizing and promoting the inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past several decades, our society has made significant progress in advancing the rights, independence, and opportunities for people with developmental disabilities, fostering a more accessible and equitable community for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Douglas County voters demonstrated their commitment to this population in 2001 by approving a one-mill property tax to fund services for individuals with developmental disabilities, generating funds that have supported critical programs since 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 90% of these funds are allocated to Developmental Pathways, the County's Community-Centered Board, with an additional 5.5% supporting a competitive grant program that has awarded over \$5 million to local organizations serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD); and

**WHEREAS**, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of individuals with developmental disabilities, who enrich our schools, workplaces, and communities with their talents and resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, raising awareness and promoting inclusion helps challenge stereotypes, foster understanding, and create opportunities for all individuals to reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, Douglas County is committed to ensuring that all residents, regardless of ability, have full access to housing, employment, education, and recreation, contributing to their well-being and integration into all aspects of community life;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**, hereby proclaims March 2025 as **Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month** and encourages all residents to recognize the achievements of individuals with developmental disabilities while supporting efforts to build a more inclusive and empowering community.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

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

**BY:**

Signed by:



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**ABE LAYDON, Chair**

Signed by:



**ATTEST:**

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**HAYLEY HALL, Clerk to the Board**