COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, this month is an important time to recognize and honor the abilities, talents, and contributions of individuals with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, individuals with developmental disabilities are an integral part of our society, making meaningful contributions to our communities, workplaces, and culture; and

WHEREAS, a developmental disability is defined as a severe, chronic, ongoing disability that is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments, and is expected to be lifelong; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the need to eliminate barriers, increase understanding, and promote inclusivity so that all individuals can lead fulfilling and independent lives; and

WHEREAS, equitable access to resources and support systems, are essential to improving the quality of life for those who have developmental disabilities, empowering them to achieve their goals and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to raise awareness about the barriers faced by individuals with developmental disabilities, as well as the opportunities we must create for growth, inclusion, and empowerment through education, respect, and compassion.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 2025 to be

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

I encourage all Pennsylvanians to support and recognize the contributions of individuals with developmental disabilities, as we strive to create a world of belonging, accessibility, and equal opportunity for all.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this first day of March two thousand twenty-five, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-ninth.

Governor Josh Shapiro

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