

Proclamation

Proclamation for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month March 2016

Whereas: Individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people;

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Whereas: the most effective way to increase this awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution;

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Whereas: policies must be developed, attitudes shaped, and opportunities offered for citizens with developmental disabilities to live as independently and productively as possible in our community;

And,

Whereas: I encourage all citizens to support opportunities for people with disabilities that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities;

And,

Now, therefore, I, Mayor John Walter Finley, Village of McConnelsville, do hereby proclaim March 2016 as

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

and offer full support to efforts that assist people with developmental disabilities to make choices that enable them to live successful lives and realize their potential;

Furthermore, we urge all citizens to take time to get to know someone with a disability and ask 'What's Your Story?' Every person's story holds a promise to educate and inspire others.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused our seal this _____ day of March, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen.

John Walter Finley, Mayor