



PROCLAMATION

For Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
March 1-31, 2018

WHEREAS, Ohio's county boards of developmental disabilities were established by the Ohio General Assembly on October 25, 1967; and

WHEREAS, the mission and purpose of Ohio's county boards of DD remain as strong as ever, with county boards continuing to provide vital supports and resources to Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families; and,

WHEREAS, the more than 130 people with developmental disabilities served by the Morgan County Board of Developmental Disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and,

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; and,

WHEREAS, policies must be developed, attitudes shaped, and opportunities offered that allow people with developmental disabilities to live as independently and productively as possible in our community; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this important goal, the statewide theme for 2018 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is "Celebrate Community," and

WHEREAS, we encourage all citizens to foster and support such opportunities that include full access to education, housing, employment and recreational activities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John W. Finley, Mayor of the Village of McConnelsville, along with the Village Council, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as

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

Furthermore, I urge all citizens to join in this celebration by spreading awareness of the many contributions offered by people with developmental disabilities in our community, and

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the seal of Ohio to be affixed this 20th day of March, two thousand eighteen.

John W. Finley
Mayor