State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

PROCLAMATION
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; 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, people need to take time to get to know someone with a disability and look beyond the disability and see what he or she has to offer; and

WHEREAS, opportunities for citizens with developmental disabilities to function as independently and productively as possible must be fostered in our community; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all citizens to support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in our communities that include full access to education, housing, employment and recreational activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2016, **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

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