

Declaring The Month Of March National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

THEREAS, people with a developmental disability are of all racial, ethnic, educational, social, and economic backgrounds, and all are valued members of society who find fulfillment living everyday lives; and

HEREAS, we value what is important to people with disabilities and their families who are striving for everyday lives no different than that of all other citizens; and

HEREAS, we recognize that individuals with disabilities have the capacity to positively contribute to the development of the local economy and to the learning experience within SOCCCD; and

HEREAS, we encourage families of individuals with developmental disabilities or autism to have high expectations of full and purposeful lives that include meaningful jobs in the community, friendships, health, safety, and spiritual and social opportunities; and

HEREAS, the SOCCCD is committed to supporting employees, students and community members with the resources and tools needed to succeed within SOCCCD, which includes the sharing of information about disability services, advocacy, supports, and inclusion initiatives; and

HEREAS, early intervention, education, employment, and home and community-based services continue to be vital to enabling citizens with a developmental disability to enjoy the rights of citizenship and to participate in the life of SOCCCD's surrounding communities; now, therefore

SE IT RESOLVED that the South Orange County Community College District recognizes the many accomplishments and contributions of people with a developmental disability and proclaim March 2022 as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; and

SE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SOCCCD Board of Trustees encourage all citizens to support individuals with a developmental disability and their families in all aspects of living and thriving in the surrounding areas.



Marcia Milchiker, President of the Board