



Calvert County, Maryland

WHEREAS, in 1987, President Ronald Reagan first proclaimed March *Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month* to provide the encouragement and opportunities necessary for people with developmental disabilities to reach their potential; and

WHEREAS, in the 34 years since the first proclamation, we have made progress improving the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities, noting challenges still remain in providing full inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is a time to celebrate the many contributions people with developmental disabilities make to our society and to recognize the efforts made to achieve a culture of meaningful and full inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life; and

WHEREAS, through awareness and outreach to identify barriers and develop solutions, the idea of true inclusion and integration can become a reality and highlight the principle that everyone benefits when people with and without disabilities live, learn, and earn together in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, that the month of March be known as *Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month*. **BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that, by this action, it be known the many ways in which people with and without developmental disabilities come together to form strong and diverse communities.

Given under our hands and seal this 9th day of March 2021.

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