

~ P R O C L A M A T I O N ~

Whereas, the Americans with Disabilities Act and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act established the right of children and adults with disabilities to participate fully in all aspects of American society; and

Whereas, it is indeed fitting and proper to commemorate the goals of equality, opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities; and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Labor has chosen this year's theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month as My Disability is One Part of Who I am; and

Whereas, the theme reflects that people with disabilities have the education, training, talents, experience and desire to be successful in the work place.

Now, therefore, we the Board of County Councilors, do hereby commemorate the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act by proclaiming October 2015 as

~ *Disability Employment Awareness Month* ~

in Clark County, Washington, and urge all citizens to reaffirm our community's determination to fulfill the letter and spirit of the disabilities acts and ask policy makers and business leaders to redouble their efforts to:

- benefit from increasing opportunities for meaningful employment of people with disabilities;
- promote employment in all sectors of our economy; and
- expand employment opportunities for youth with disabilities to empower them as fully participating members of our community.

Dated this 6th day of October 2015



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