

# ~PROCLAMATION~

*Whereas*, the year 2020 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and together with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act established the right of adults and children with disabilities to participate fully in all aspects of American society; and

*Whereas*, Clark County supports the goals of equity, opportunity, independent living and economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities; and

*Whereas*, the U.S. Department of Labor chose this year's theme for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month as - Increasing Access and Opportunity; and

*Whereas*, the theme reflects the fact including people with disabilities and their contributions to the workplace is a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy.

*Now, therefore*, the County Council hereby reaffirms the principles of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act by proclaiming October 2020 as

## ~ *Disability Employment Awareness Month* ~

in Clark County, Washington, and urges citizens to rededicate our community to fulfilling the letter and spirit of the laws and asks 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, and
- renew our commitment to inclusive workplaces.

Dated this 6th day of October 2020



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