

# Proclamation

## *Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month March, 2018*

The Board of County Commissioners of Van Wert County, Ohio, met in regular session in the office of said Board on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2018, with the following members present: Mr. Stan D. Owens, Mr. Thad Lichtensteiger, and Mr. Todd D. Wolfrum.

Mr. Lichtensteiger moved the adoption of the following **PROCLAMATION**:

**Whereas**, Ohio's county boards of developmental disabilities (DD) were established by the Ohio General Assembly on October 25, 1967; and

**Whereas**, the mission and purpose of Ohio's county boards of DD remain as strong as ever, with county boards continuing to provide vital supports and resources to Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families; and

**Whereas**, the more than 300 people with developmental disabilities served by the Van Wert County Board of 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**, policies must be developed, attitudes shaped, and opportunities offered that allow people with developmental disabilities to live as independently and productively as possible in our community; and

**Whereas**, in recognition of this important goal, the statewide theme for 2018 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is "Celebrate Community;" and

**Whereas**, we encourage all citizens to foster and support such opportunities that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities; therefore, be it **Resolved**, that this Board of Van Wert County Commissioners does hereby designate the month of March, 2018, as

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and offers full support to efforts that assist people with disabilities to make choices that enable them to live successful lives and realize their potential, and we urge all citizens to join in this celebration by spreading awareness of the many contributions offered by people with developmental disabilities in our community.

Mr. Owens seconded the motion. The roll was called upon its adoption, and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Owens, Yea; Mr. Lichtensteiger, Yea; and Mr. Wolfrum, Yea.



Stan D. Owens  
Chairman of the Board

Thad Lichtensteiger

Todd D. Wolfrum