

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2023 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH, RECOGNIZING MARCH 6, 2023 AS INCLUSION DAY, AND COMMENDING THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, AGENCIES, AND DIRECT SERVICE PROFESSIONALS FOR THEIR DEDICATION

WHEREAS, in 1967, Boards of Developmental Disabilities were created in Ohio under House Bill 169, including the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board (the "SCDDB"); and

WHEREAS, through the work of legislators and other stakeholder groups, including families and community-based organizations, public policy changed. The Americans with Disabilities Act was developed to support and maximize the independence of people with developmental disabilities which allows for a more inclusive society; and

WHEREAS, the SCDDB has made investments to support residents with developmental disabilities to live more independently and secure more meaningful employment; and

WHEREAS, the SCDDB is asking the Village of Richfield to join in recognizing March 6, 2023 as Inclusion Day, in which we recognize and support people of all abilities who are maximizing their talents and potential in pursuing their dreams and achieving their individual goals, while making significant contributions to our community; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is an appropriate time to recognize public policy improvements, the accomplishments of community organizations, developmental disability service providers, and most importantly, the achievements of thousands of individuals with developmental disabilities who contribute daily to our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, County of Summit, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the month of March, 2023 be declared as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

SECTION 2. That March 6, 2023 be recognized as Inclusion Day.

SECTION 3. That the community organizations, agencies, and direct service professionals be commended for their dedication, awareness efforts, and outstanding assistance toward improving the quality of life for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 2-21-23



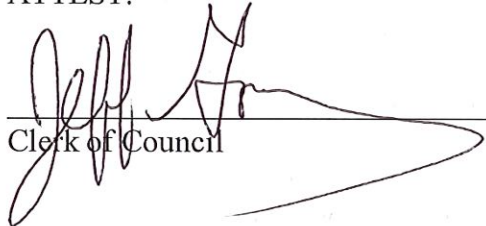
President of Council



Mayor

Dated: 2-21-2023

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council