

Office of the Mayor
Arkansas City, Kansas
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of March 2023 has been designated as “National Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month” in order to celebrate and recognize people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of people with disabilities to make choices, contribute to society, and experience in full the many blessings of American society; and

WHEREAS, family members, friends and the community at large all play a role in supporting people with disabilities as they pursue their dreams; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this City properly include helping people with disabilities to realize full access to housing, employment, and the recreational activities which help to create productive and satisfying lives, and also to live as independently as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, does hereby proclaim the month of **March 2023** as

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in Arkansas City, and call upon the citizens of Arkansas City to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities, and furthermore, encourage the citizens of Arkansas City to seek information from those organizations with expertise in matters concerning professionals who support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

*In witness thereof I have hereunto set my
hand and caused this seal to be affixed:*

Name/Title **Diana L. Spielman, Mayor**
Date: **February 21, 2023**