



City of Cleveland, Georgia

Proclamation

WHEREAS, everyone should be offered the opportunity to live and work with dignity, freedom, and economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, building an inclusive community and strong economy includes workplaces that welcome the talents of all people; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Cleveland seek to raise awareness of disability employment issues and celebrate the many varied contributions of people with disabilities. The City of Cleveland recognizes the importance of the perspectives of individuals living with disabilities, and calls upon employers, schools, and others to recognize that people with disabilities are up to the task throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Activities during this month will reinforce the value and talent that people with disabilities bring to our workplaces and communities, and affirm the City of Cleveland’s commitment to an inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, National Disability Employment Awareness Month traces its history to 1945, when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week of October as “National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week.” In 1988, Congress expanded the observance to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Americans of all abilities should have access to good, safe jobs, and including diverse perspectives in problem-solving situations can lead to better solutions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and City Council Members of the City of Cleveland proclaim the month of October 2026 as:

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Cleveland, Georgia, and encourage all citizens to embrace the skills and talents of workers with disabilities and promote the right to equal employment for all.

GIVEN UNDER HAND AND SEAL, by proclamation of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cleveland, Georgia, this 5th day of October 2026.

Josh Turner	Mayor	Jeremy McClure	Council Member Ward 3
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