



## NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, there is a growing population of children and adults with developmental disabilities who reside in the City of Greeley; and

**WHEREAS**, historically people with development disabilities were institutionalized and/or segregated from their families, friends, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1987 President Ronald Reagan officially declared March to be Developmental Disabilities Awareness month. The theme of National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month was decreed that "For many of these people with developmental disabilities there is now the prospect of a brighter future and greater opportunity. Americans are becoming increasingly aware that such disabilities need not keep individuals from realizing their full potential in school, at work, or at home, as members of their families and of their communities;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Arc of Weld County proudly supports National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, urging as President Reagan did before them that all Americans join together in providing "to our fellow citizens with such disabilities both encouragement and the opportunities they need to lead productive lives and to achieve their full potential."

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John Gates, by virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Greeley, Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2023 as **Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month** in the City of Greeley and urge all citizens to support programs that serve people with Developmental Disabilities and to ensure that all people with disabilities are treated with the dignity and respect that they so deserve.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Greeley, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

---

John Gates  
Mayor