



NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, in 1987 President Ronald Reagan officially declared March to be National Developmental Disabilities Awareness month in order to “increase public awareness of the needs and the potential of Americans who face developmental disabilities and to provide the opportunities they need in order to live productive lives and to achieve their full potential”; and

WHEREAS, the National Centers for Disease Control estimates that one in six children between the ages of three and seventeen have one or more developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, more than six million Americans have one or more developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, people with disabilities are an important, vital part of our community as valued employees, civic leaders, business owners, veterans, family members, and friends, and they are innovative and valued contributors in the workplace, the classroom, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Arc of Weld County proudly supports the National Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month by advocating for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in the local community by offering many programs and services.

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 2022 as **Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month** in the City of Greeley and urge all citizens to support programs that serve people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and to ensure that all people with disabilities are treated with dignity and respect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Greeley, this 15th day of March, 2022.

John Gates
Mayor