

Proclamation

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Public Law 99-483, enacted by Congress in 1987, designated March as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to almost 200,000 people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities throughout all 100 counties of our state; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all North Carolinians to recognize and acknowledge that it is not disabilities, but unjust societal barriers and attitudes that can keep individuals from realizing their full potential at school, work, home, and/or in their communities; and

WHEREAS, all citizens can contribute to improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities by becoming advocates and supporters of their increased independence, capacity, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, expecting and enabling people with developmental disabilities to function independently and productively within our societal and economic structures can strengthen our community in all areas, including public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hendersonville commends the Abound Health and other agencies, businesses, organizations, and individuals throughout our community working to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families through advocacy, capacity building, and systems change.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as

“Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month”

and encourage citizens to galvanize efforts that will lead our communities and policy makers to create real system changes so people with developmental disabilities may enjoy equitable, inclusive lives.

PROCLAIMED this 3rd day of March 2022

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor
City of Hendersonville

Attest:

Angela Reece, City Clerk