

# Proclamation



## DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2021

**WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia Department on Disability Services; the District of Columbia Developmental Disabilities Council; the Arc of the District of Columbia; Disability Rights DC; Project ACTION!; and Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities are partnering to celebrate March as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 public health emergency has heightened sensitivity to the importance of inclusive environments with equal access to education, employment, health care and community living for all people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month raises public awareness about the issues affecting nearly 10,000 residents of the District of Columbia and more than 6 million Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, programmatic and physical barriers and false perceptions about disabilities are reduced significantly when residents and employers invest time and energy to get to know and support people with developmental disabilities in using their talents and skills to become active contributing members of communities in all eight wards:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC,** do hereby proclaim March 2021, as “**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**” in Washington, DC and call upon all the residents of the District to join me in celebrating the accomplishments made by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and in recognizing the value they and the organizations that support them bring to the District and our nation.

