

# Proclamation

*City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor*

## **Recognizing March as Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**

Whereas; in 1987, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed March “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month,” and we continue to recognize the valuable contributions of our community members with intellectual/developmental disabilities; and

Whereas; Edmonds, Washington recognizes people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are defined by their own strengths and abilities, an inherent value, not by their disability; and


Whereas; people with intellectual and developmental disabilities share with all the desire to achieve personal success through education, meaningful work, and family and community ties; and

Whereas; we recognize that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with appropriate resources and support can make decisions about their own lives and must be heard on issues affecting their lives; and

Whereas; increased public awareness of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their contributions promotes full participation in a vibrant community; and

Whereas; the city wants to encourage businesses, individuals, and the community at large to promote full inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in work and recreation in our community;

Now Therefore, I, Mike Nelson, Mayor of the city of Edmonds, do hereby proclaim the month of March as Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Awareness month in Edmonds Washington and ask its residents to recognize and include in all activities our community members with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Mike Nelson, Mayor | March 23, 2021

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