

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-2023**

**TITLE: DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON DECLARING MARCH AS “DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH.”**

**WHEREAS**, in 1967, Boards of Developmental Disabilities were created in Ohio under House Bill 169 including the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board; and

**WHEREAS**, through the work of legislators and other stakeholder groups, including families and community-based organizations, public policy changes like the Americans with Disabilities Act have been developed to support and maximize the independence of people with developmental disabilities to create a more inclusive society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board has made investments to support individuals so that residents with disabilities may live more independently and find meaningful employment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Summit County Development Disabilities Board is asking Mayor Judge and the City of Barberton to join with us in recognizing March 6, 2023 as Inclusion Day, in which we recognize and support people of all abilities who are maximizing their talents and potential in pursuing their dreams and achieving their individual goals, while making significant contributions to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is an appropriate time to recognize the City of Barberton’s public policy improvements, the accomplishments of community organizations, developmental disability service providers, and most importantly, the achievements of thousands of individuals with developmental disabilities who contribute daily to our communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Barberton, State of Ohio, that:

**SECTION 1.** This Council hereby recognize March 2023, as Developmental Disabilities Month, and commend the community organizations, agencies, and direct service professionals for their dedication, awareness efforts, and outstanding assistance toward improving the quality of life for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

**SECTION 2.** This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed February 27, 2023

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2023

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Mayor