

# Proclamation

## DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

MARCH 2024

WHEREAS, the more than 1,200 individuals served by Richland Newhope, their families, friends, neighbors and co-workers encourage everyone to value and respect the *abilities* of all people; and

WHEREAS, the most effective way to increase awareness is through participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and

WHEREAS, policies must be developed, attitudes shaped, and opportunities offered that allow citizens with developmental disabilities to live as independently and productively as possible in our community; and

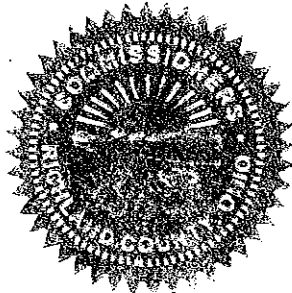
WHEREAS, we encourage all citizens to foster and support such opportunities that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Richland County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim March 2024 as

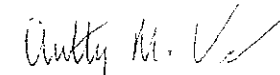
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and offer full support to efforts that assist people with disabilities to make choices that enable them to live successful lives and realize their potential.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused our seal to be affixed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-four.



  
Darrell E. Banks

  
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Cliff Mears  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO