

# State Of Florida

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, in 1921, the first state-funded program for individuals with developmental disabilities opened in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, many major changes have occurred in society and attitudes, in addition to the Americans with Disabilities Act which celebrates 29 years of success, plus other state and federal laws and regulations have been developed to support and maximize the independence of people with developmental disabilities to create a more inclusive society; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has made record investments to serve Floridians with disabilities so they may continue to live more independently and find great jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed 2019-20 *A Bold Vision for a Brighter Future* budget recommends continuing this investment to help more Floridians with disabilities receive services and assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Florida supports many thousands of citizens with developmental disabilities by providing services through the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Department of Children and Families, Agency for Health Care Administration, Department of Elder Affairs, Department of Health, and Department of Education's Divisions of Exceptional Student Education, Blind Services, and Vocational Rehabilitation, and by partner organizations and thousands of private-sector and community providers; and

**WHEREAS**, employers across the state of Florida have embraced diversity and inclusion by hiring people with disabilities, and have been recognized by the state and within their communities as leaders through example; and

**WHEREAS**, encouraging awareness of disabilities is vital to the success of all sectors of Florida's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is an appropriate time to recognize Florida's public policy improvements, the accomplishments of community organizations, state agencies, and most importantly, the achievements of thousands of individuals with developmental disabilities who contribute daily to our communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governor and the Cabinet of the state of Florida do hereby recognize March 2019, as

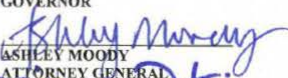
### DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

In Florida, and commend the community organizations, agencies, and programs for their dedication, awareness efforts, and outstanding assistance toward improving the quality of life for Floridians with developmental disabilities.

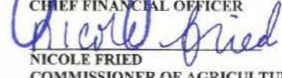
**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** the Governor and Cabinet of the state of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official seal of the state of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.



  
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