

Legislation Text

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Proclamation: "Disability Awareness Month in St. Charles Parish" **PROCLAMATION**

- **WHEREAS,** the Arc of St. Charles is a non-profit organization committed to providing services and support that enable people of all ages with developmental and intellectual disabilities and special needs to attain their potential; and,
- **WHEREAS,** the Arc strives to promote and maintain a high level of professionalism in all areas and to maximize all resources, human and financial, in the interest of helping all persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and special needs; and,
- **WHEREAS,** the Arc is the world's largest community based organization of and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and,
- **WHEREAS,** the Arc provides an array of services and support for families and individuals and includes over 140,000 members affiliated through more than 850 state and local chapters across the Nation; and,
- **WHEREAS,** the Arc is devoted to promoting and improving supports and services for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and,
- **WHEREAS,** it is important that every individual and family affected by intellectual and developmental disabilities have access to the information, advocacy, and skills they need to participate as active citizens of our democracy and active members of their community; and,
- **WHEREAS,** the Arc works to ensure that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families have the support they need to live an ordinary decent American life; and,
- **WHEREAS,** people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families are valued, respected, and included in all communities; they direct their own lives and can choose services and support from many available sources; and they are empowered through nonprofit advocacy. State and Federal Governments administer programs and set a budget that meet everyone's needs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF **MARCH 2019** AS

DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

IN

ST. CHARLES PARISH

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY URGE THAT THE CITIZENS OF ST. CHARLES PARISH GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO EFFORTS TOWARD ENABLING PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TO LIVE PRODUCTIVE LIVES AND ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL.

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