

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 4

Proclaiming March 2025 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

Multnomah County Finds:

- A. Beginning in 1987, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month highlights the importance of fostering a society where people with disabilities are empowered to contribute to their communities.
- B. The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) 2025 theme, "We're Here All Year," reminds us that community, accessibility, and opportunities for people with developmental disabilities should be recognized and championed every day.
- C. People with developmental disabilities in Multnomah County are working, going to school, volunteering, and participating in our community.
- D. Despite this, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities continue to confront persistent patterns of discrimination and exclusion:
 - a. Participation in governmental hearings is essential to civic participation, yet people with development disabilities are often excluded by decisions to defund universal accessibility.
 - b. Voting is critical for democracy, yet people with development disabilities often face substantial obstacles to exercising their right to vote.
 - c. Housing is a basic human need, yet people with developmental disabilities face formidable obstacles to applying for and receiving housing support.
 - d. Mobility is essential for full community engagement, but our roads and streets prioritize the speed and volume of automobile traffic over the safety and inclusion of people with disabilities, one-third of whom do not drive.
 - e. Safety is a universal right, yet people with developmental disabilities are disproportionately the victims of violence.
- E. Multnomah County and the Office of Diversity and Equity believe that individuals with developmental disabilities are valuable members of our communities and deserve full participation in all aspects of life, including education, employment, recreation, and civic engagement.
- F. This proclamation affirms our unwavering commitment to eradicating discrimination and exclusion against people with developmental disabilities and

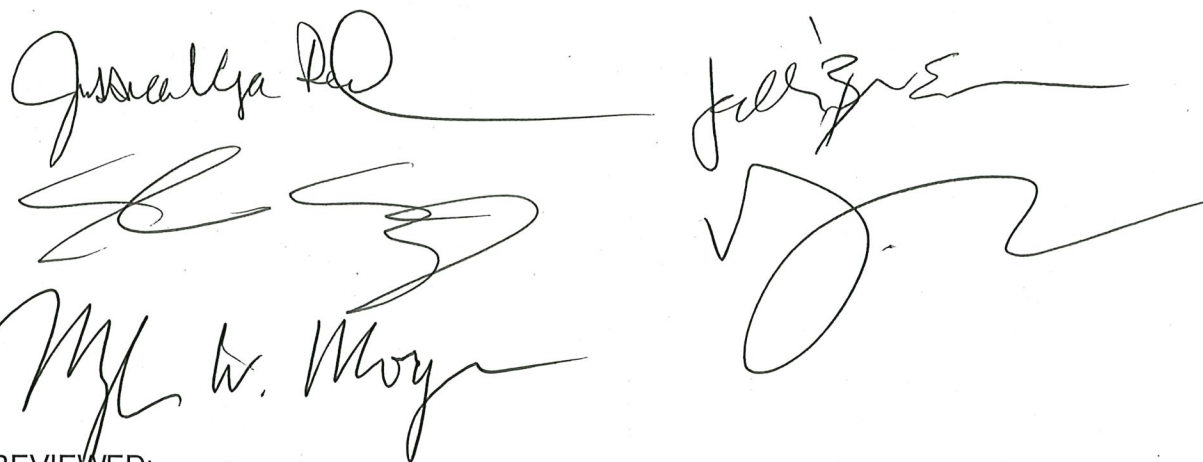
recognize the contributions people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have made to Multnomah County.

- G. Multnomah County is committed to ensuring the rights of everyone with intellectual and developmental disabilities to self determination and to equal participation in our community.

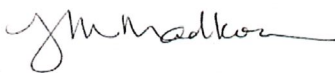
Multnomah County Proclaims:

March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon, and with this proclamation affirms commitment to support people with developmental disabilities.

SIGNED this 19th day of March, 2025.



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