

By Council President Pro-Tem Melissa Sampey

A Resolution proclaiming March to be *Disabilities Awareness Month*.

March 2025 marks the 38th anniversary of National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, nationwide, approximately 67 million people have a disability; of those, approximately 180,000 people in Michigan have a developmental disability; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is to educate U.S. citizens about developmental disabilities and celebrate the many and varied contributions of people with lived experience of developmental disabilities both nation-wide, in the State of Michigan, and in the City of Westland; and,

WHEREAS, celebrations of a brighter future and greater opportunities come with the recognition that developmental disabilities should not keep individuals from realizing their full potential in school, at work or at home, or as members of their communities; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Westland is honored to take part in the annual observance of *Disabilities Awareness Month* in the hopes that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Westland City Council that:

SECTION 1. This City Council hereby proclaims the month of March to be *Disabilities Awareness Month* in the City of Westland and to raise public awareness of those whom are differently abled to increase knowledge of the programs that have been and are being developed to support individuals and their families.

SECTION 2. The City shall give notice of the passage of this Resolution by prominent placement on the official City website and social media page for the month of March.

SECTION 3. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative note of four (4) or more members elected to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



MIKE MCDERMOTT
President, Westland City Council



RICHARD LEBLANC
City Clerk, City of Westland

PASSED: March 17, 2025