



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

Jack Dalrymple  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**  
MARCH 2016

**WHEREAS**, individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and

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

**WHEREAS**, people need to take time to get to know someone with a disability and look beyond the disability and see what he or she has to offer; and

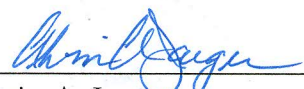
**WHEREAS**, opportunities for citizens with developmental disabilities to function as independently and productively as possible must be fostered in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage all citizens to support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in our communities that include full access to education, housing, employment and recreational activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2016, **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

  
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Jack Dalrymple  
Governor

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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State