

<u>PROCLAMATION</u>

Special Recognition of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

WHEREAS, National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is a nationwide event to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities and address the barriers that those with disabilities face; and

WHEREAS, National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month officially began in 1987 with a proclamation from President Reagan to help bring awareness and acceptance for people of every ability; and

WHEREAS, through the work of legislators and other stakeholder groups, including families and community-based organizations, public policy changes like the Americans with Disabilities Act have been developed to support and maximize the independence of people with developmental disabilities to create a more inclusive society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor of the City of Hudson, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2024, as

"Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month"

in the City of Hudson, Ohio, and commend the community organizations, agencies, direct service professionals, and volunteers for their dedication, awareness efforts, and outstanding assistance toward improving the quality of life for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hudson to be affixed on this 5th day of March, 2024.

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor City of Hudson, Ohio