

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia recognizes that persons with disabilities are a valued and vital part of our community as workers, civic leaders, business owners, veterans, family members, and friends; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia recognizes the vital contributions that persons with disabilities make in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia understands that the most effective way to increase awareness and strive for equitable change, is through our community's openness to acknowledge that systemic barriers, negative stereotypes, and harmful attitudes around individuals with disabilities exists; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia acknowledges that those barriers impact the ability of individuals with disabilities to enjoy equitable experiences and live independent, productive lives within our communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia is committed to ensuring equal access, increasing accessibility, and committing to full inclusion that ensures the rights of persons with disabilities to be equal contributing members of our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim the month of March 2024 as

DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Olympia and urges the community, both individually and collectively, to strive for education and understanding of the valued contributions individuals with disabilities make within our City, as means to working together to ensure the best quality of life for every member of our community.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH 2024.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

***Dontae Payne
Mayor***