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INCLUDING PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MONTH

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities constitute one of America's largest group of citizens who have disabilities; and

WHEREAS, developmental disabilities are a group of conditions due to an impairment in physical, learning, language, or behavior areas, beginning during the developmental period, which may impact day-to-day functioning, usually last throughout a person's lifetime, and may include autism, Down syndrome and cerebral palsy; and

WHEREAS, the most effective methods for improving the lives of these individuals are public awareness, understanding and inclusion in the community; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County recognizes those Arlington staff, community leaders, and advocates who have made substantial differences in the lives of persons with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County is committed to empowering and supporting persons with developmental disabilities to achieve self-determined lifestyles through community-based living arrangements, employment, and other individualized support services; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County is proud to recognize and support the efforts of all individuals and organizations that support persons with developmental disabilities in maximizing their full potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Libby Garvey, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

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and urge everyone in Arlington County, in recognition of the tremendous value and potential of children and adults with developmental disabilities, to dedicate themselves to the empowerment and full inclusion of these individuals in all aspects of community life, all year long.



Libby Garvey
Chair