

ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

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INCLUDING PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MONTH

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities such as Intellectual Disability, Autism, Down Syndrome, Fragile X Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and others, constitute one of America's largest group of citizens who have disabilities; 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 and residents, community leaders, and advocates who have made substantial differences in the lives of persons with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County is committed to 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, Katie Cristol, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim **March 2022** 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 himself or herself to the empowerment and full inclusion of these individuals in all aspects of community life, all year long.



Katie Cristol
Chair