

## The Board of County Commissioners RESOLUTION

- Whereas, there are thousands of children and adults in Lee County who have intellectual and developmental disabilities; and
- Whereas, Lee Association for Remarkable Citizens, known as LARC, has been advocating and serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Lee County since March 12, 1954, and will celebrate 65 years of service on March 12, 2019; and
- Whereas, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities frequently require specialized services, treatment and support for extended periods of time during their lives, and due to improved care their lifespans often exceed that of their parents and caregivers; and
- Whereas, the support provided by family members, caregivers, friends, professionals and concerned citizens enables individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to participate more freely in education, employment, and community living; and
- Whereas, this month we join with LARC to recognize and support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their right to achieve the universally desired goals of self-fulfillment, purposeful engagement and inclusion in their communities so that they may reach their fullest potential;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida does hereby proclaim March 2019 as:

INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

in Lee County and recognizes the many achievements made by these citizens.

Duly executed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA