

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION



March 7, 2017

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OHIO COUNTY BOARDS OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

WHEREAS, Ohio's county boards of developmental disabilities including the Lake County Board were established by the Ohio General Assembly on October 25, 1967, and will mark the 50th Anniversary of their creation in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's county boards of developmental disabilities have dedicated 2017 to a year long celebration in recognition of being "Always There" for people with developmental disabilities and their families over the past half-century; and

WHEREAS, the mission and purpose of Ohio's county boards of developmental disabilities remain as strong as ever, with boards continuing to provide vital support and resources to Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families; and

WHEREAS, during their 50-year history, Ohio's county boards of developmental disabilities have continually evolved to develop and provide best-practice support for people with developmental disabilities while also adapting to ever-changing community expectations; and

WHEREAS, community members across the state especially in Lake County support the efforts of Ohio's county boards of developmental disabilities by approving local tax levy requests that fund services for people with developmental disabilities who want to enjoy happy, fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of March, Ohioans will celebrate Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, as county boards of developmental disabilities and the families will continue to serve and encourage members of our communities to celebrate the abilities of all people and recognize each person's unique contributions to society.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners in and for Lake County hereby proclaims 2017

**A YEAR OF CELEBRATION OF THE OHIO COUNTY BOARDS OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ON
THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

and we urge all citizens to join in this celebration by spreading awareness of the many contributions offered by people with developmental disabilities in our community. We also urge all citizens to support opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to enjoy full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities in pursuit of living happy, fulfilling lives.

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