

RESOLUTION NO. 22-26

BY: **DEBORAH LIME**

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH AS
"DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS
MONTH," AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in 1987, President Reagan recognized March as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" to increase public awareness Americans with developmental disabilities need to lead productive lives and achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), developmental disabilities are defined as impairments in physical, learning, language or behavior areas and include autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, down syndrome, hearing loss, vision impairment and other developmental delays; and

WHEREAS, through a campaign each March, the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities, Association of University Center of Disabilities and the National Disability Right Network join forces to highlight the ways in which people with and without disabilities unite to form strong communities; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 campaign theme is "The Power of Support," to highlight stories of advocacy and connection - encouraging individuals with developmental disabilities, family members, caregivers, and allies to share stories about the support systems that have made a difference in their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby supports "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" designated for the month of March 2026.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the observance taking place this month, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____

MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO