

RESOLUTION NO. R-26-____

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2026 AS DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, on February 26, 1987, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed March as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, dedicating this time to recognizing and promoting the inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, over the past several decades, our society has made significant progress in advancing the rights, independence, and opportunities for people with developmental disabilities, fostering a more accessible and equitable community for all; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County voters demonstrated their commitment to this population in 2001 by approving a one-mill property tax to fund services for individuals with developmental disabilities, generating funds that have supported critical programs since 2002; and

WHEREAS, more than 90% of these funds are allocated to Developmental Pathways, the County's Community-Centered Board, with an additional 5.5% supporting a competitive grant program that has awarded almost \$7 million to local organizations serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD); and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of individuals with developmental disabilities, who enrich our schools, workplaces, and communities with their talents and resilience; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness and promoting inclusion helps challenge stereotypes, foster understanding, and create opportunities for all individuals to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County remains committed to ensuring that all residents, regardless of ability, have full access to housing, employment, education, and recreation, contributing to their well-being and integration into all aspects of community life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO, hereby proclaims March 2026 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and encourages all residents to recognize the achievements of individuals with developmental disabilities while supporting efforts to build a more inclusive and empowering community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of March 2026, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

BY:

GEORGE TEAL, Chair

ATTEST:

HAYLEY HALL, Clerk