



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, developmental disabilities are a group of conditions due to an impairment in physical, learning, language, or behavior areas. These conditions begin during the developmental period, may impact day-to-day functioning, and usually last throughout a person's lifetime

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the United States about one in six, or about 17%, of children aged 3 through 17 years have a one or more developmental disabilities.

WHEREAS, this year's theme "Worlds Imagined" seeks to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all aspects of community life, as well as awareness of the barriers that people with disabilities still face in connecting to the communities in which they live.

WHEREAS, this year we will celebrate the 32nd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which prohibits discrimination against all Americans with disabilities and codified the protection of their civil rights.

WHEREAS, early intervention, education, employment, and home and community – based services are vital to people with developmental disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DOVER, DELAWARE, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

in the City of Dover and continue to strive towards diversity, equity, and inclusion to ensure all citizens are treated with dignity.


ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN
MAYOR