

RESOLUTION NO. 1, 2025

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE,
INDIANA RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF LAWRENCE**

WHEREAS, the month of March is recognized nationally as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, serving as a time to raise awareness about the inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities in all aspects of community life; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Lawrence, Indiana (“Common Council”) acknowledges the invaluable contributions of individuals with developmental disabilities to the City of Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council is committed to fostering an inclusive community that supports equal opportunities, independence, and dignity for individuals with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, individuals with developmental disabilities have the right to live, work, and fully participate in their communities, and efforts must be made to remove barriers that may hinder their access to education, employment, and social engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council supports the work of organizations such as the Lawrence Advisory Council on Disabilities (“LACD”) who work to provide resources, support, and advocacy to improve the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month provides an opportunity to educate the public, encourage policies that promote accessibility and inclusivity, and celebrate the achievements and contributions of City of Lawrence residents with developmental disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council as follows:

SECTION 1. The month of March is formally recognized in the City of Lawrence as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

SECTION 2. All City of Lawrence residents are encouraged to work towards greater inclusion and support of individuals with developmental disabilities in all areas of community life.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take full force and effect upon its passage by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor of the City of Lawrence.

ADOPTED this _____ day of March 2025

Attest: _____
Leatrice Adkisson,
City Clerk

Zach Cramer,
President

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Lawrence, Indiana, this _____ day of March, 2025,
at _____ o'clock _____m.

Leatrice Adkisson, City Clerk

Presented to me and signed this _____ day of March, 2025, at _____ o'clock _____m.

Deborah Whitfield, Mayor