



PROCLAMATION

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

WHEREAS, on February 26, 1987 President Ronald Reagan officially proclaimed March National Development Disabilities Awareness Month, calling for understanding, encouragement and opportunities to help persons with disabilities lead productive and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the many accomplishments and contributions of people with a developmental disability, who are of all racial, ethnic, educational, social, and economic backgrounds, and are all valued members of society; and

WHEREAS, we value what is important to people with disabilities and their families, and recognize the intersectionality of the disability experience in our lives and the role it has in our rich diversity; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge there are systemic barriers that reduce the likelihood of those with disabilities enjoying equitable experiences and living independent, productive lives within their communities; and

WHEREAS, we strive to increase awareness and the openness to learn to change the attitudes and beliefs about the abilities of individuals; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that equitable experiences and full inclusion is a matter of social justice, and a shared responsibility of everyone to reject segregated services and create welcoming and supporting environments, policies, and systems for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mason Thompson, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month” in the City of Bothell and promote both the expectations and opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to participate fully in our community, including access to integrated employment, education, housing, and civic engagement.

Signed this 15th day of March, 2022.

Mason Thompson
Mason Thompson (Mar 24, 2022 15:03 PDT)

Mason Thompson, Mayor