

PROCLAMATION

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Public Law 99-483, enacted by the United States Congress in 1987, designated the month of March as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, developmental disabilities are related to a group of physical, learning, language, or behavioral conditions that last throughout a person's lifetime, such as ADHD, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, intellectual disability, learning disability, and other disabilities; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 615,252 Californians live with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, with approximately 1,500 individuals with developmental disabilities living in the City of Redlands; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities should be treated with dignity and respect and should have the resources needed to live secure, fulfilling lives and access their communities and services needed; and

WHEREAS, stereotyping, discrimination, and bullying toward individuals with developmental disabilities are the biggest barriers to full community integration and inclusion of people with developmental disabilities; and

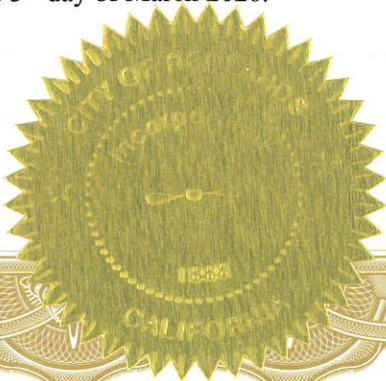
WHEREAS, awareness of barriers people with developmental disabilities can face in participating in the community, and collaboration on how to overcome those barriers, can bring about broader inclusion and better outcomes for everyone; and

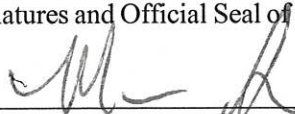
WHEREAS, the City of Redlands strives to be an inclusive and equitable community where everyone is appreciated for their unique abilities; and

WHEREAS, Nate's Fruit Fusion, a special needs business located in the City of Redlands not only serves delicious, refreshing beverages, but creates job opportunities that are specifically designed to coach, train, and empower young adults in our community with intellectual disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Redlands does hereby proclaim the month of March 2026 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in the City of Redlands and encourages all residents, businesses, schools, government agencies, and public and private institutions to recognize the ability of individuals with developmental disabilities to make significant contributions to their communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto affix our signatures and Official Seal of the City of Redlands on this 3rd day of March 2026.





Mario Saucedo, Mayor

Attest:


Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk