RESOLUTION NO.: 2022-R14

SPONSOR: COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

INTRODUCED: MARCH 08, 2022 ASSIGNED TO:

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 7, 2022 AS INCLUSION DAY, IN WHICH WE RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES WHO ARE MAXIMIZING THEIR TALENTS AND POTENTIAL IN PURSUING THEIR DREAMS AND ACHIEVING THEIR INDIVIDUAL GOALS, WHILE MAKING SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, in 1967, Boards of Developmental Disabilities were created in Ohio under House Bill 169, including the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board; and

WHEREAS, through the work of legislators and other stakeholder groups, including families and community-based organizations, public policy changes like the Americans with Disabilities Act have been developed to support and maximize the independence of people with developmental disabilities to create a more inclusive society; and

WHEREAS, the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board has made investments to support individuals so that residents with disabilities may live more independently and find meaningful employment; and

WHEREAS, the Summit County Development Disabilities Board is asking Green City Council to join them in recognizing March 7, 2022 as Inclusion Day, in which we recognize and support people of all abilities who are maximizing their talents and potential in pursuing their dreams and achieving their individual goals, while making significant contributions to our community; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is an appropriate time to recognize Summit County public policy improvements, the accomplishments of community organizations, developmental disability service providers, and most importantly, the achievements of thousands of individuals with developmental disabilities who contribute daily to our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN, COUNTY OF SUMMIT, AND STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION ONE:

The City of Green does hereby recognize March 2022 as Developmental Disability Awareness Month and commends the community organizations, agencies, and direct service professionals for their dedication, awareness efforts, and outstanding assistance toward improving the quality of life for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

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SECTION TWO:

The City of Green finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Council and any deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION THREE:

Green City Council declares this to be an emergency immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Green and for the further reason of immediately supporting the declaration of March 7, 2022 as Inclusion Day in Summit County. Provided that this legislation receives the affirmative vote of three-fourths (34) of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

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03/03/2022 Approved as to form and content by Lisa Carey Dean, Law Director ___