



Proclamation

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

October 2021

WHEREAS, For 76 years, National Disability Employment Awareness Month has helped spread awareness of and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, NDEAM encourages employers from public and private sectors to see the whole person by promoting and supporting employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, People with disabilities share the desire to achieve personal success and economic self-sufficiency through meaningful work in their communities and deserve equitable employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, NDEAM's 2021 theme, "America's Recovery: Powered by Inclusion," reflects the importance of ensuring that people with disabilities have full access to employment and community involvement during the national recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Employees with diverse abilities strengthen businesses, increase competition, and drive innovation; and

WHEREAS, Gwinnett welcomes the talents of all people and commits to being an inclusive community that prioritizes access and opportunity for all residents, regardless of their disability status.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nicole L. Hendrickson, do hereby recognize Disability Employment Awareness Month in Gwinnett County. Activities during this month will reinforce the value and talent people with disabilities add to our workplaces and communities.

**Chairwoman, Board of Commissioners
Gwinnett County, Georgia**

Signed this 1st day of October 2021