



**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS
MONTH 2026**

- Whereas, March has been recognized as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month since 1987 to promote understanding, encourage inclusion, and create opportunities that help individuals with developmental disabilities lead productive and fulfilling lives; and
- Whereas, a developmental disability in no way diminishes the right of individuals with developmental disabilities to live independently, make choices, and fully contribute to their communities; and
- Whereas, adults and children with disabilities make up nearly one-fifth of Indiana's population, representing more than 54 million Americans; and
- Whereas, the Town of Brownsburg recognizes people of all abilities as important and valued members of our community; and
- Whereas, organizations such as the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities, along with many local partners, work to support, educate, and advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Now, therefore, I, Ben Lacey, Town Council President of the Town of Brownsburg, hereby proclaim March 2026 as

DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage residents to promote inclusion, expand accessibility, and foster a community where individuals of all abilities are empowered to participate fully and thrive.

Dated this 26th day of March 2026

ATTEST:

Ben Lacey, Town Council President

Ann Hathaway, Clerk-Treasurer