# Sample Proclamation/Resolution

PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR

A LOCAL RESOLUTION OR PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING (**Local Date)** 2023 AS “DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS DAY”

**WHEREAS,** the (**Name of your local organization**) is involved in advocating for programs that promote positive system changes and that allow persons with developmental disabilities to achieve optimum independence and to promote innovative programs and practices that improve the quality of life for these individuals; and

**WHEREAS,** (**Name of your local organization**), encourages all Florida citizens to actively participate in events that appropriately recognize and celebrate Florida's diverse population, including persons with developmental disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day in **(Local city or county**)” has been established to promote awareness and understanding of the opportunities, challenges and needs of persons with developmental disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day” also recognizes Florida's public poli- cy accomplishments concerning persons with disabilities, as well as identifying the improvements to public policy that are needed to ensure that all of Florida's citizens with developmental disabilities have the capacity to lead full, productive and engaged lives; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary and appropriate that local communities in Florida such as (**Name of city or county**) support the mission and purpose of “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day” and encourage their citizens to recognize and respect this important commemoration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED [*or PROCLAIMED]* BY THE [*insert name of local government entity]* THAT MARCH (**Date of local event**), 2023, BE RECOGNIZED IN *[insert city or county name]* AS:

###  “DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS DAY”