INTELLECTIAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITES AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas: Individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the *abilities* of all people; and

Whereas: the most effective way to increase this awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and

Whereas: policies must be developed, attitudes shaped, and opportunities offered for citizens with developmental disabilities to live as independently and productively as possible in our community; and

Whereas: we encourage all citizens to support opportunities for people with disabilities that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities; and

Now, therefore, we, Miller County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 9th, 2020 as

INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

And offer full support to ASPIRE Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and their efforts that assist people with intellectual/developmental disabilities to make choices that enable them to live successful lives and realize their potential;

Furthermore, we urge all citizens to take time to get to know someone with a disability and ask 'What's Your Story?' Every person's story holds a promise to educate and inspire others.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused our seal this 9th day of March, in the year two thousand and twenty.

Miller County Commission

Kreg Freeman, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Deborah H. Pearce, County Clerk