



City of Ellensburg

PROCLAMATION

National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
2025

Whereas, in 1987, President Ronald Reagan recognized Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month to "increase public awareness of the needs and the potential of Americans who face developmental disabilities and to provide the opportunities they need in order to live productive lives and to achieve their full potential"; and

Whereas, developmental disabilities are defined as impairments in physical, learning, language, or behavioral areas, which include Autism spectrum disorders, Cerebral Palsy, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, intellectual or learning disabilities, hearing loss, vision impairment, and other developmental delays; and

Whereas, nationally one in six children between the ages of three and seventeen have one or more developmental disabilities, and 13% of the population in Kittitas County and Washington state live with disabilities; and

Whereas, Central Washington Disability Resources (CWDR), located in Ellensburg, is the resource agency for people with disabilities of any age and provides case management, developmental disability support groups, therapeutic swim program, skills training, counseling, assistance with housing, attendant care, and advocacy; and

Whereas, the mission of the Kittitas County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee is to foster an inclusive environment that supports residents with developmental disabilities and their families to participate in and contribute to all aspects of the community.

Now, therefore, the City of Ellensburg does hereby proclaim March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness month and encourages community members to support local agencies such as Central Washington Disability Resources by volunteering and finding ways to serve, promoting inclusivity in schools, workplaces, and community events, and engaging with persons with disabilities and listening to their life experiences.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2025.

Attest:
City Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty Lades".

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich Elliott".

Rich Elliott
Mayor