



WHEREAS, everyone in our city is valued and respected, we make extra efforts in the month of March to raise awareness about the rights of people with special needs and recognize their contributions to our community; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, President Reagan officially declared the first National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, calling for people to offer understanding, encouragement, and opportunities for people with special; and

WHEREAS, in Collin County there are over 15,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities such as Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, and other special needs, with over 2,800 residing in the city of McKinney, where they are truly valued and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, our city partners with local non-profits to meet these critical needs – such as Cornerstone Ranch where adults with special needs are empowered to live the abundant lives they were created for; and

WHEREAS, 2023 marks the 36th national recognition of National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE C. FULLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023, AS

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

IN MCKINNEY, TEXAS, ENCOURAGING OUR CITIZENS TO ACTIVELY RECOGNIZE, HONOR, AND SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT THEM, IN THIS CITY AND BEYOND.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS DAY, MARCH 7, 2023.

GEORGE C. FULLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary