



WHEREAS, Everyone desires and deserves to enjoy life and to feel productive and secure, we make extra efforts in the month of March to raise awareness about the rights of people with disabilities as well as recognize their contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, President Ronald Reagan officially declared the first National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month with Proclamation 5613, calling for people to offer understanding, encouragement, and opportunities for helping people with disabilities lead productive and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, in Collin County, Texas, there are over 15,000 people with developmental disabilities such as Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, and other special needs, with at least 2,875 residing in the city of McKinney, where they are truly valued and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, local non-profit organizations serve as integral partners for vital care – the Cornerstone Ranch organization in McKinney, Texas, empowers adults with special needs to live the abundant lives they were created to live; and

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 35th annual 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 2022, AS

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

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

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS DAY, MARCH 1, 2022.

GEORGE C. FULLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary