



WHEREAS, the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) has been in existence since 1970 and is the national membership association of fifty-six (56) State Councils on Developmental Disabilities across the United States of America and its territories, including the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD); and

WHEREAS, the mission of the NACDD is to empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, and allies to build welcoming and supportive communities through policy and practice ensuring that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities can live a self-directed life in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Council provides program grant funding, engages with the legislature and agencies for effective policies, and offers learning and advocacy opportunities, to create change so that all people with disabilities are fully included in their communities and exercise control over their own lives; and

WHEREAS, the month of March is recognized as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and highlights how people with and without disabilities come together to form strong communities, raises awareness of the inclusion and contributions of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life, and explores opportunities to further remove barriers; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "*A World of Opportunities*," celebrates the collective work of creating a world where everyone can succeed and do well; and the City of McKinney recognizes the significance of individuals, businesses, educators, and community groups serving our community toward the well-being and opportunities for people with disabilities.

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 2024, AS

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

IN MCKINNEY, TEXAS, WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 19TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

GEORGE C. FULLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary