



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Board Session Agenda Review Form**

Meeting date: Wednesday, March 4th, 2026 9:00am

Department: Health & Human Services

Title: Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Management Update/Work Session Date: 2/17/2026 Audio/Visual aids

Time Required: 10 Contact: Samantha Andress Phone: x4903

Requested Action: Approve a proclamation to make March Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Awareness Month in Marion County.

Issue, Description & Background: March is the nationally recognized I/DD Awareness month and in previous years Marion County has supported this through passing it's own proclamation. Marion County's Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities program seeks the BOC to adopt proclamation for March as I/DD (Intellectual and Developmental Disability) Awareness Month and present a video about awareness: <https://youtu.be/RyImBWmm4Rg>

Financial Impacts: N/A

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: N/A

List of attachments: Proclamation; Presentation

Presenter: Karin Perkins

Department Head Signature: Ryan Matthews Digitally signed by Ryan Matthews Date: 2026.02.17 14:27:20 -08'00'

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of proclaiming the month of )  
March 2026 as Intellectual and Developmental )  
Disability Awareness Month in Marion County. )

**PROCLAMATION**

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on March 4, 2026.

WHEREAS, no fewer than 3,800 residents of Marion County live with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Marion County acknowledges individuals who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities are active and valued members of its community; and

WHEREAS, Marion County acknowledges the role of the community to engage and support the health, safety, prosperity, and success of every citizen, including individuals who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Marion County strives to support safe and healthy opportunities for individuals who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities to engage with and access their communities; and

WHEREAS, Marion County believes work is a fundamental part of life, and therefore, individuals with intellectual and developmental disability should be included in opportunities to participate in the local workforce; and

WHEREAS, Marion County invites and challenges its community to develop and promote accessible and affordable housing, opportunities for employment and community engagement, inclusive and accessible recreational activities and promote access to health services for people who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities so they may live in a world of choice and possibility; now, therefore

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the month of March, 2026 is Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Marion County.

DATED at Salem, Oregon, this 4thday of March, 2026.

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