



Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1987 President Ronald Reagan declared March to be National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, approximately 57 million Americans have a disability; and

WHEREAS, every person, regardless of ability, has valuable strengths, infinite capacity to learn, and the potential to make important contributions to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the most effective way to increase this awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and

WHEREAS, opportunities for citizens with developmental disabilities to function as independently and productively as possible must be fostered in our community; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all citizens to support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in our community that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Pete Rust, do hereby jointly proclaim **MARCH 2018** as

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

and to ask the residents of and Green River "*Look Beyond*" and recognize that our communities are stronger when everyone participates. Take time to get to know someone with a disability. Look beyond the disability and see what he or she has to offer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of March, 2018.

PETE RUST, MAYOR