

1           A RESOLUTION proclaiming January 31, 2018, to be Disability Awareness Day in  
2 Kentucky.

3           WHEREAS, more than 874,000 Kentuckians over the age of five have a disability  
4 which impairs their ability to work or to carry out tasks of daily living; and

5           WHEREAS, all barriers to services, whether they are physical, regulatory, financial,  
6 or attitudinal, should be eliminated; and

7           WHEREAS, the individual, and his or her circle of support, need to be informed so  
8 that they can exercise their freedom to make choices and to direct their own care; and

9           WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities should be given the education and  
10 opportunity to gain and maintain employment and to become tax payers; and

11           WHEREAS, no individual should be criminalized or discriminated against because  
12 of his or her disability; and

13           WHEREAS, all persons, including educational, medical, and judicial systems  
14 personnel, need to be educated about disabilities; and

15           WHEREAS, all persons with disabilities matter, and should be afforded the  
16 opportunity to participate in the democratic process;

17           NOW, THEREFORE,

18 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
19 ***Kentucky:***

20           ➔Section 1. The Senate of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, does hereby  
21 proclaim January 30, 2018, to be Disability Awareness Day in Kentucky in order to  
22 promote an increased awareness of disabilities and a reduction of the stigma often  
23 associated with them.