STATE OF DELAWARE

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATEMENT
IN OBSERVANCE OF
NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, the month of October has been designated as "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" to increase the public's awareness of the contributions and skills of American workers with disabilities; and

Whereas, disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals with disabilities to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society, and fully experience the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of American society; and

Whereas, family, friends, and members of the community can play a central role in enhancing the lives of people with disabilities, especially when the family and community are provided with essential support services, and employers are aware of the capabilities of the people with disabilities so that they are engaged in competitive work and inclusive settings; and

Whereas, the most effective way to increase awareness during "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the willingness of us all to recognize and acknowledge each individual's contributions; and

Whereas, one of Delaware's leading goals is to provide individuals with disabilities the opportunity and support to make informed choices and decisions; pursue meaningful productive lives; contribute to their family, community, and State; have interdependent friendships and relationships with others; and achieve full inclusion in society.

Now, Therefore, We, Jack A. Markell, Governor,
and Matthew Denn, Lieutenant Governor,
do hereby proclaim October 2014

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage all citizens and employers to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to advance its important message that people with disabilities are equal to the task throughout the year.

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