

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, disability in no way diminishes the right of individuals to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society and experience the economic, political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of American society.

Whereas, family members, friends and members of the community can play a vital role in enhancing the lives of people with disabilities, especially when the family and community are provided with necessary support services; and public and private employers are aware of the capabilities of people with disabilities to be engaged in competitive work in inclusive settings.

Whereas, the goals of this city include providing individuals with disabilities the opportunities and support to make informed choices and decisions; live in homes and communities where they can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens; pursue meaningful and productive lives; contribute to their family, community, state and nation; have interdependent friendships and relationships with others; and achieve full inclusion in society.

Whereas, thousands in Wyoming face challenges with disabilities daily.

Whereas, the month of March has been designated as “Disability Awareness Month” to celebrate and recognize disabled individuals and promote awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Harrington, Mayor and President of the governing body of the City of Laramie, Wyoming do hereby proclaim March 2023, as

Laramie Disabilities Awareness Month

and encourage all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, religious and educational institutions to join in observing the month in honor of persons with disabilities.

DATED and signed 7th day of March 2023.

**Brian Harrington
Mayor and President of Laramie City
Council**

Attest:

**Nancy Bartholomew
City Clerk**