

**Before the Board of County Commissioners  
Martin County, Florida**

**A Proclamation**

**Declaring National Disability Employment Awareness Month  
in Martin County, Florida**

- Whereas,** October 2024 marks the 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, with a purpose of educating about disability employment issues and celebrating the many and varied contributions of America’s workers with disabilities; and
- Whereas,** the history of National Disability Employment Awareness Month dates back to 1945 when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year as “National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week;” and
- Whereas,** in 1962, the word “physically” was removed to acknowledge individuals with all types of disabilities, and in 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and
- Whereas,** workplaces welcoming of the talents of everyone, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of efforts to build an inclusive community and a strong economy; and
- Whereas,** Helping People Succeed is celebrating 60 years of service to the community and has highly skilled therapists who provide specialized outpatient mental health counseling for children and adults; and
- Whereas,** activities during this month will reinforce the value and talent people with disabilities add to our workplaces and communities and affirm Martin County’s commitment to an inclusive community that increases access and opportunities for all, including individuals with disabilities.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that October 2024 is declared as National Disability Employment Awareness Month in Martin County. Further, the Board urges all citizens to help bring together businesses and partners to break down the barriers faced by individuals with disabilities who are working or seeking employment.

**Presented this Twenty-second Day of October 2024**

ATTEST:

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