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Commissioners Proclaim Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Leonardtown, MD - “Life Side by Side” is the theme for this year’s Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The theme emphasizes that people with disabilities are people first - people who want to be fully included in their communities, just like everyone else. The Commissioners of St. Mary’s County have chosen to stand “Side by Side” with people with disabilities by issuing a proclamation in recognition of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

“Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month highlights the many ways in which people with and without developmental disabilities come together to form strong, diverse communities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual’s contribution and focus on the abilities of all people,” said Commissioner Tom Jarboe (1st District). The proclamation offers full support to efforts which assist people with developmental disabilities to make choices that enable them to live successful lives and realize their potential.

The commissioners urge citizens to rethink and revitalize our communities so all our communities can be inclusive and accessible during Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

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