

**Proclamation to Declare March 15, 2023
Intellectual and Developmental Disability Awareness Day in
the City of Blue Island, Illinois**

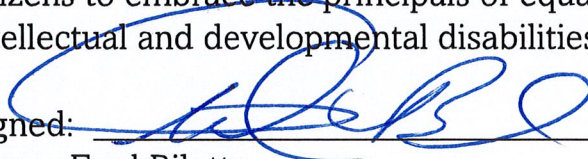
WHEREAS, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month reminds the public to bring awareness, educate, and respect people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a disability is a natural part of the human experience that does not diminish the right of people to live independently, to exert control and choice over their own lives, and to fully participate in and contribute within the fabric of the economic, social, political and cultural mainstream within their community;

WHEREAS, Blue Island supports and seeks to educate the community about the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live their best lives and not be seen as a person with a disability, but as a contributing neighbor, coworker, church member, voter, friend, volunteer and valued member of the community.

WHEREAS, as we treat everyone with dignity, respect and kindness, we will continue to spread awareness throughout our community so that all people are embraced.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Fred Bilotto, Mayor of the City of Blue Island, do hereby proclaim March 15, 2023, as Intellectual and Developmental Disability Awareness Day in Blue Island. I encourage all citizens to embrace the principals of equality and inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Signed: 
Mayor Fred Bilotto
City of Blue Island

Date: 2-14-23