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CLALLAM COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

On Tuesday, October 14th, 2014, the Board of Clallam County Commissioners proclaimed the month of October 2014 as Disability Employment Awareness Month in Clallam County and publically recognized employers in Clallam County who employ people with developmental disabilities. Held each October, National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is a national campaign that raises awareness about disability employment issues and celebrates the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. The theme for 2014 is "Expect. Employ. Empower."

NDEAM's roots go back to 1945, when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month."

Employers recognized from Port Angeles were: A-1 Performance, Albertsons, Clallam County Hostelries, Clallam Transit, Common Grounds Café, DSHS, Feiro Marine Center, Goodwill Industries, Jack in the Box, Lee Shore Boats, McDonalds, Morningside, Olympic Laundry & Cleaners, Olympic Medical Center, Pacific Office Equipment, Safeway, Wal-Mart, Wolfley Law Office and YMCA.

Employers from Sequim were: Caring Hands Learning Center, Dungeness Courte, Goodwill Industries, Holiday Inn Express, Karen's Accounting Service Inc., King’s Way Foursquare Church, Pacific Bay International, Safeway, Sequim Community School, Sun Baked Landscaping.

Employers from the West End were: Three Rivers Resort, Quillayute Valley School District, Washburn's General Store, The Makah Cultural and Resource Center.

In attendance to receive a copy of these public proclamations and recognitions were: Annie Achziger, Virginia O'Neil and Peter Ripley, Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee Members; Tim Bruce, Clallam County Health & Human Services Developmental Disabilities Planner.

If you frequent these businesses, please let them know you appreciate their commitment to diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

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See photo, below.
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(Left to right) Annie Achziger, Virginia O’Neil and Peter Ripley, Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee Members; Tim Bruce, Clallam County Health & Human Services Developmental Disabilities Planner, and Howard V. Dougherty, Jr., Clallam County Commissioner.