



# Clallam County Department of Health and Human Services

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## PRESS RELEASE

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Clallam County Board of Commissioners announced on October 6, 2020, its participation and proclamation of National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate the community about how individuals with disabilities, both physical and intellectual, contribute to their community through gaining stable and ongoing employment. Clallam County Health & Human Services County Coordinator for Developmental Disabilities, Kelley Lawrence, said, “We celebrate the many varied contributions that every individual can provide to their community and we support the unique talent and dedication that those who experience developmental disabilities can offer employers.”

If you have any questions regarding employment for those with developmental disabilities, you may contact Clallam County Health & Human Services at 360-417-2407.

Proclamation attached: Recognizing October 2020 as Disability Employment Awareness Month



## PROCLAMATION

### RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2020 AS DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, October is "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" and;

**WHEREAS**, individuals with developmental disabilities have the ability and desire to seek employment in settings that provide opportunities to earn competitive wages and benefits, enable them to reach their maximum potential, achieve economic self-sufficiency and contribute to their communities and;

**WHEREAS**, individuals with developmental disabilities have a positive impact on the economy by earning wages, purchasing goods and services in our communities, and becoming self-supporting and;

**WHEREAS**, including people with developmental disabilities in the workforce creates an inclusive community and;

**WHEREAS**, Clallam County strongly supports and encourages individuals with developmental disabilities to find a career pathway to employment, thus fostering the key objectives of advancing individual well-being and self-empowerment;

**WHEREAS**, individuals and their families, local government, the business community, and the general public benefit greatly from increased employment of people with developmental disabilities and share in the responsibility for achieving this goal;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of Clallam County Commissioners hereby recognizes October as Disability Employment Awareness Month in Clallam County and encourages all businesses and citizens to advocate and support increased employment and inclusion in the community for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Signed this sixth day of October 2020



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