

# PROCLAMATION

## *Disability Awareness Month - October 2009*

**WHEREAS,** the month of October 2009 has been designated as Disability Awareness Month to celebrate and recognize people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** disability in no way diminishes the right of individuals to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society and experience the economic, political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of American society; and

**WHEREAS,** family members, friends and members of the community can play a vital role in enhancing the lives of people with disabilities, especially when the family and community are provided with necessary support services; and public and private employers are aware of the capabilities of people with disabilities to be engaged in competitive work in inclusive settings; and

**WHEREAS,** the goals of this City include providing individuals with disabilities the opportunities and support to make informed choices and decisions; live in homes and communities where they can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens; pursue meaningful and productive lives; contribute to their family, community, state and nation; and achieve full inclusion in society.

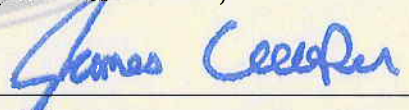
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby proclaims October 2009 as Disability Awareness Month in the City of Elk Grove and asks the community to join in honoring persons with disabilities.

**SIGNED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009

  
PATRICK HUME, MAYOR

  
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