

## 50th Anniversary/Awareness Month Proclamation

**Whereas:** Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities was established by the Ohio General Assembly on October 25, 1967, and will mark the 50th anniversary of our creation in 2017; and,

**Whereas:** Ohio's county boards of developmental disabilities have dedicated 2017 to a yearlong celebration in recognition of being "**Always There**" for people with developmental disabilities and their families over the past half-century; and,

**Whereas:** the mission and purpose of Ohio's county boards of developmental disabilities remain as strong as ever, with boards continuing to provide vital supports and resources to Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families; and,

**Whereas:** during our 50-year history, Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities has continually evolved to develop and provide best-practice supports for people with developmental disabilities while also adapting to ever-changing community expectations; and,

**Whereas:** community members in Carroll County support the efforts of Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities by approving local tax levy requests that fund services for people with developmental disabilities who want to enjoy happy, fulfilling lives; and,

**Whereas:** throughout the month of March, in which Ohioans celebrate Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, county boards of developmental disabilities and the families they serve encourage members of our communities to celebrate the abilities of all people and recognize each person's unique contributions to society; and,

**Now, therefore, I (we), (official making proclamation), do hereby proclaim 2017 as**

### **A YEAR OF CELEBRATION OF THE OHIO COUNTY BOARDS OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**And Furthermore,** I/we urge all citizens to join in this celebration by spreading awareness of the many contributions offered by people with developmental disabilities in our community,

**And Furthermore,** I/we urge all citizens to support opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to enjoy full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities in pursuit of living happy, fulfilling lives.

**In witness whereof**, we have hereunto set our hand and caused our seal this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, in the year two thousand and seventeen.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF CARROLL COUNTY

/s/ Jeffrey L. Ohler  
Jeffrey L. Ohler, President

Absent  
Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President

/s/ Lewis A. Mickley  
Lewis A. Mickley, Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Christopher R. Modranski  
 Christopher R. Modranski, Assistant Clerk I  
 Valerie S. Mossor, Assistant Clerk II  
 Janice E. Leggett, Clerk Supervisor