

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, in July people with disabilities and our supporters celebrate the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); AND*

*WHEREAS, there are over 50 million people with disabilities of all ages living in communities throughout the United States; AND*

*WHEREAS, the disability community has a critical interest in policies enacted at local, state, and national levels that effect the integration of people with disabilities, young and old, into our communities; AND*

*WHEREAS, getting the disability community involved in influencing public policies is essential if these policies are to meet the real needs of people with disabilities to live in the community; AND*

*WHEREAS, voting is one way for the disability community to exert their influence at local, state and national elections; AND*


*WHEREAS, there are multiple efforts to develop state disability coalitions around the issue of voting; AND*

*WHEREAS, REV UP America \* Register – Educate – Vote Use your Power is a national effort to encourage state and local disability community voting coalitions; AND*

*WHEREAS, members of national disability rights community are organizing a National Disability Voter Registration Week (NDVRW) July 17 – 21, 2017;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delaware County Commissioners support the growing involvement of the disability community in the political process; AND*

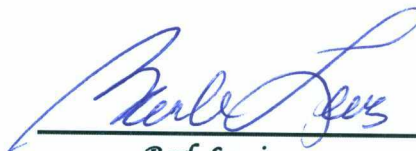
*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Delaware County, Ohio designates the week of July 17 – 21, 2017 as National Disability Voter Registration Week.*



Jeff Benton



Gary Merrell



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