

Senate Resolution 4 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

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1 A Resolution designating the month of March as
2 Disabilities Awareness Month in Iowa.

3 WHEREAS, an estimated 394,000 adults and children
4 with a disability live in Iowa and make our communities
5 stronger; and

6 WHEREAS, Iowa supports over 63,000 students with
7 special education through a free and appropriate
8 public education designed to fit those students' unique
9 needs; and

10 WHEREAS, students with disabilities who are included
11 and supported in integrated schools and classrooms
12 are more likely to realize their full academic
13 potential; and

14 WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities who are
15 included and supported in the workforce have an
16 opportunity to earn a competitive wage, work as part of
17 a team, and support a strong state economy; and

18 WHEREAS, individuals with developmental disabilities
19 who are involved in their communities are more likely
20 to give back to their communities; and

21 WHEREAS, family members and direct support
22 professionals of individuals with disabilities deserve
23 recognition for their support and commitment to helping
24 their loved ones achieve their best life as independent
25 and contributing members of their communities; and

26 WHEREAS, when inclusion becomes a way of life and
27 every citizen is supported and able to flourish in
28 their community, Iowa is a better place for everyone to

1 live and thrive; and

2 WHEREAS, on February 26, 1987, President Ronald
3 Reagan officially declared Proclamation 5613
4 designating March as National Disabilities Awareness
5 Month and calling for people to provide understanding,
6 encouragement, and opportunities to help persons with
7 disabilities to lead productive, fulfilling lives; NOW
8 THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
10 designates the month of March as Disabilities Awareness
11 Month in Iowa.