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Summit County Celebrates Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—On March 2, 2020, the Summit County Executive’s office and members of County Council joined Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board and the Akron Zoo in celebrating Inclusion Day, the kick-off event for Development Disabilities Awareness Month. Members of the public who wore orange, the color of inclusion, received free admission to the Zoo. To commemorate the occasion, Executive Shapiro declared March 2 “Developmental Disabilities Inclusion Day” in Summit County.

“Summit County prides itself on being a welcoming and inclusive community for all people of all abilities,” said Executive Shapiro. “Events like Inclusion Day are evidence of this and the Zoo’s sensory inclusive initiatives are a great examples of how we are making sure our community is truly welcoming for all.”

Last month, Executive Shapiro and County Council passed a resolution declaring March Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in the county. The awareness campaign is celebrated throughout the nation and its aim is to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all areas of community life, as well as awareness to the barriers that people with disabilities still sometimes face in connecting to the communities in which they live.

“We have made great progress in making sure people of all abilities have an opportunity to live fulfilling lives in our community, but there is always more work to be done,” said District 6 Councilmember Jerry Feeman. “Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board and its many community partners are working hard to make sure no one misses out on a chance to realize their full potential.”

Summit County Development Disabilities Board is sponsoring other events during Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Visit <https://www.summitdd.org/dd-awareness-month-2020/> for more information.



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