

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



PROCLAMATION

The Arc of Kitsap and Jefferson Counties provides education, advocacy and support to people and families living with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live whole and successful lives in the community.

WHEREAS, nearly four million Americans live with an intellectual and developmental – disabilities resulting in significant physical or mental impairments of an individual’s ability to learn, reason, socially interact and understand verbal, nonverbal, and reciprocal communication; and

WHEREAS, intellectual and developmental disabilities have a wide-ranging implications for the entire family of the diagnosed individual early diagnosis, research, training, education, therapies, information, resources and support are vital to reducing the effects and the stigma of intellectual and developmental disabilities and to assist in reaching their maximum potential; and

WHEREAS, the Arc of Kitsap and Jefferson Counties and their programs for families and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities like Parent to Parent Support Program, Representative Payee Program and Friday Night Social strive to increase awareness and encourages meaningful participation and self-determination in all aspects of their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Arc of Kitsap and Jefferson Counties through there advocacy and support of parents, family members, self-advocates, volunteers, staff, government officials, community members and others who work tirelessly on behalf of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have helped to create new opportunities that have brought about significant changes in the public perception and opening new doors to more independent and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, the Arc of Kitsap and Jefferson Counties celebrates their anniversary in October by declaring October 2012 as Arc Awareness Day in the City of Poulsbo and are calling on all Kitsap County residents to join in and applaud their achievements and support during this month long observance with appropriate ceremonies and activities;

THEREFORE, the City of Poulsbo does hereby proclaim October 26, 2012 as:

Arc of Kitsap and Jefferson Counties Awareness Day

And encourage the participation of all citizens in learning about intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Dated this 13th day of September, 2012

Rebecca Erickson, Mayor