

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** nearly four million American live with an individual with an intellectual or developmental disability – 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 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 the Peninsulas and their programs for family and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, like their Community Guide Engagement Program, Parent to Parent Support Program, the County Parent Coalition Program, Family Support Services and Advocacy, and Lifelong Learning Programs, strive to increase awareness and encourage meaningful participation and self-determination in all aspects of their lives; and
- WHEREAS,** The Arc of the Peninsulas through 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 the Peninsulas celebrate their anniversary in February by declaring February 9, 2020 as Arc Awareness Day in the City of Poulsbo and are calling all city residents to join in and applaud their achievements and support during this month-long observance with appropriate ceremonies and activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim February 9, 2020, as

THE ARC OF THE PENINSULAS AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to join me in learning about intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Dated this 6th day of November, 2019.



Rebecca Erickson, Mayor

