

CITY OF YAKIMA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, workplaces welcoming of the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy; and

WHEREAS, Washington law calls upon employers, both public and private, to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our disabled citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capacities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima, through the Department of Services for the Blind and other public agencies, and with the cooperative assistance of numerous civic and non-profit groups, can look forward to a continued expansion of employment opportunities for the greater acceptance of disabled persons in the competitive labor market.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy Coffey, Mayor of the City of Yakima, and on behalf of the Yakima City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2018 as

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Yakima, and call upon employers, schools and other community organizations to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities to raise awareness about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities, reinforce the value and talent people with disabilities add to our workplaces and communities, and affirm the City of Yakima's commitment to an inclusive community.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 2018

Kathy Coffey, Mayor