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### **Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners Recognize National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**

Recognizing March as National Developmental Disabilities Month, Hunterdon County's Board of Commissioners moved a proclamation in support of this national declaration at the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Board Director Susan J. Soloway said, "Hunterdon County has a strong history of supporting citizens with developmental disabilities, including providing crucial services through the County's: Department of Human Services, Division of Seniors, Disability and Veterans; as well as working closely with countless community providers and partner organizations throughout the County."

Presidential proclamation 5613 was signed by President Ronald Reagan in 1987. Since then, the country has seen great changes and improvements surrounding those with developmental disabilities. The Americans with Disabilities Act is just one example of over 30 years of successful laws and regulations which have supported independence and a more inclusive society.

Commissioner Shaun C. Van Doren, Human Services liaison for the Board, also issued a statement of support, saying "We applaud those in the community who support those with developmental disabilities and encourage our residents to seek out opportunities to participate during this National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Several organizations exist in the county and we hope that by bringing attention to this, more residents will become involved and volunteer."

Director Soloway continued, "The Hunterdon County Board of County Commissioners are proud to declare March as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The Board commends the community organizations, agencies, and programs for their dedication, awareness efforts, and outstanding assistance toward improving the quality of life for Hunterdon County residents with developmental disabilities."

The New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities has information on programs and how to get involved, <https://njcdd.org/>. Hunterdon County also has information and services available, <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/aging/disable.htm>, to visit the website or calling 908-788-1361.