

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *The Office of Disability Employment with the US Department of Labor recognizes October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and*

WHEREAS, *In Kansas, many communities support Disability Mentoring Day during the third week of October; and*

WHEREAS, *Kansas has a rich history of supporting people of all ages and abilities to live healthy lives complete with dignity, safety, freedom, and independence; and*

WHEREAS, *For Kansans with disabilities, education and employment is vital to independence, empowerment, and quality of life; and*

WHEREAS, *As taxpayers, consumers, educators, and workers, people with disabilities are a contribution to our society and to their own fulfillment of the American dream; and*

WHEREAS, *New generations of young people with disabilities are growing up in Kansas, graduating from high school, going to college, and preparing to participate in the workplace; and*

WHEREAS, *All Kansas citizens must recognize the worth and skills of community members with disabilities and assist to remove all barriers that prevent our citizens with disabilities from accessing education, reaching their fullest potential and achieving success; and*

WHEREAS, *The Kansas State Board of Education is committed to expanding opportunities for persons with disabilities by utilizing programs, developing curriculum, and planning activities in order to maximize opportunity in the state; and*

WHEREAS, *The Kansas State Board of Education desires to raise awareness of programs affecting people with disabilities such as education, employment, mentoring and health programs:*

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, *as members of the KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION do hereby proclaim the week of October 18-24,*

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DISABILITY HISTORY AND AWARENESS WEEK

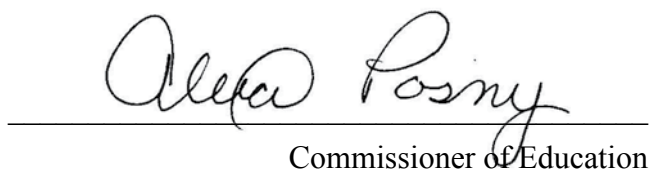
in Kansas and urge all educators and schools to join us.

Done: At the Kansas State Department of Education
under the seal of the State Board of Education

13th day of October A.D. 2009

BY THE Chairman of the State Board of Education


Chairman, Kansas State Department of Education


Commissioner of Education