

PROCLAMATION

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2011

- WHEREAS,** intellectual and developmental disabilities are conditions which affect more than 7 million Americans and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** public awareness and education enhance a community's understanding of the issues affecting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** people with intellectual and developmental disabilities can be vital and vibrant members of our communities, improving the quality of life for all of us;
- WHEREAS,** the month of March has been designated Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month by the state of New Jersey with 20 chapters of The Arc undertaking public awareness, educational and fundraising initiatives;
- WHEREAS,** The Arc of Monmouth serves over 2000 individuals with intellectual disabilities throughout Monmouth County and advocates for and with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families;
- WHEREAS,** The Arc of Monmouth is celebrating 62 years of service to families and individuals throughout Monmouth County;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William F. Larkin, Mayor of the Township of Ocean Township, do hereby Proclaim March, 2011 as

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

in the Township of Ocean and urge that the citizens of the Township give full support to efforts towards enabling people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives of inclusion in our communities.

William F. Larkin
Mayor