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March 20, 2012

TO: Members, Manassas Park Governing Body

FROM: Tom Geib, Executive Director
Community Services Board

THRU: James W. Zumwalt
City Manager

RE: Proclaim March 2012 as Intellectual Disability Awareness Month

I. Background in chronological order is as follows:

- A. Annual Observance – Since 1979, The Arc of the United States, formerly known as the Association for Retarded Citizens, a charity devoted to people with intellectual disabilities has sponsored this annual observance. During this month, efforts focus on increasing public awareness of intellectual disabilities.
- B. Purpose of Observation – The goal is to enhance the community’s understanding of the issues affecting people with intellectual disabilities and to increase acknowledgement of the needs and abilities of people with these disabilities and their families.
- C. March Events – Service providers in the Community will be invited to attend a service recognition program on March 15, 2012 with the Prince William County Community Services Board. Community Services Care Coordination staff and Board Members will also recognize providers in the community for their special contributions during this past year during the week of March 20, 2012. Saturday, March 24 at 1:00 p.m., Players Unlimited will present “Past, Present and Future” in the A. J. Ferlazzo Building Auditorium.

II. Current Situation is that the Community Services Board has authorized staff to request the Governing Body of Manassas Park to proclaim March 2011 as Intellectual Disability Month.

III. Recommendation is that the Governing Body for Manassas Park proclaim March 2011 as Intellectual Disability Awareness Month.

The Vision of the Prince William County Community Services Board is:

“We will be a creative and responsive leader for Behavioral Healthcare in partnership with the Greater Prince William Community to promote an excellent place in which to live, work, invest and grow.”

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PROCLAIM MARCH 2012
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

Date: Regular Meeting March 20, 2012

ACTION: Approval

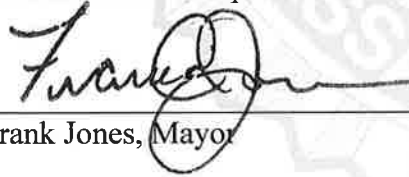
WHEREAS, children and adults with intellectual disabilities constitute one of America's largest group of citizens with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, people with intellectual disabilities are valuable members of society and can gain greater independence and productivity through community support and partnership with disabled citizens, their families, community programs, and elected representatives, who share a common vision of improving the quality of life of all of its citizens through development of needed resources and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Intellectual Disability Awareness Month provides the opportunity for all to recognize the tremendous value and potential of people with intellectual disabilities and to recommit and dedicate ourselves to the empowerment, integration, employment and inclusion of each one of these citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Manassas Park Governing Body is committed to empowering and supporting persons with intellectual disabilities to achieve self-determined lifestyles through community-based living arrangements, employment, and other individualized support services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Manassas Park Governing Body does hereby recognize the month of March 2012 as "Intellectual Disability Month" and proclaims their continued commitment to the empowerment and full inclusion of these individuals in all aspects of community life.



Frank Jones, Mayor