CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Executive Order PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENT MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the month of March, 2012, has been designated as "Disability Awareness Month" to celebrate and recognize people with disabilities by the Governor of the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals with disabilities to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society and experience full in the economic, political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of American society; and

WHEREAS, family members, friends and members of the community can play a central role in enhancing the lives of people with disabilities especially when the family and community are provided with necessary support services; and public and private employers are aware of the capabilities of people with disabilities to be engaged in competitive work in inclusive settings; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this city and state properly include providing individuals with disabilities the opportunities and support to make informed choices and decisions; live in homes and communities where such individuals can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens; pursue meaningful and productive lives; contribute to their family, community, State and Nation; have interdependent friendships and relationships with others; and achieve full inclusion in society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Dennis, Mayor of the City of West Lafayette do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2012, as

DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of West Lafayette and call upon citizens of West Lafayette to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities; furthermore, I encourage the citizens of West Lafayette to seek counsel and input from any person or group with knowledge and expertise in matters concerning disabilities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the great seal of the City of West Lafayette at the Mayor's Office, this 6th day of March, 2012.

Mayor John Dennis, Mayor
City of West Lafayette