

RESOLUTION RE: OCTOBER 2001 DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, the Chicago Board of Education Members and staff of the Chicago Public Schools value the diversity, enrichment and examples that students and individuals with disabilities provide to our community; and

Whereas, disability awareness offers an opportunity to celebrate our individual differences and reinforce our intent to enable all persons, including those with disabilities, to participate in educational and extracurricular activities, and to become independent and gainfully employed adults; and

Whereas, the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities; the Friends of Special Education; the four Illinois Parent Training and Information Centers, The National Center for Latinos with Disabilities, The Family Resource Center on Disabilities, Designs for Change, and Family T.I.E.S. Network are committed to support school activities to raise the level of awareness and communication among the school community; and

Whereas, the Chicago Public Schools will launch activities during the month of October to increase the awareness of the school community about the contributions and value of all individuals, regardless of their relative abilities;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 26th day of September 2001, proclaim that October 2001 will be recognized as Disability Awareness Month in the Chicago Public Schools and that we encourage a celebration of the diversity that our special needs students bring to the Chicago Public Schools.