MISSOURI DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Improving lives THROUGH supports and services THAT FOSTER self-determination.

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National Disability Employment Awareness Month: Increasing Access and Opportunity

President Donald Trump has <u>proclaimed</u> October as a time to "recognize the immeasurable contributions that Americans with disabilities make to our workforce...achievements not only strengthen our economy and communities but also exemplify the power of every American to help shape the future of our country".

Workers with disabilities (and those who support them) have been a part of a strong, resilient, and ready workforce in meeting the needs of Missourians across our great state. We have seen how vital these contribution are in meeting the needs of our communities. Throughout the pandemic, there have been countless workers with disabilities supporting retail supply chains, delivering direct care, sterilizing and sanitizing workplaces, and providing necessary services.

Resources to assist with promoting the impact of workers with disabilities can be found at <u>Administration for Community Living</u>, <u>Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment</u>, and <u>State of Missouri Disability Portal</u>.

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