

STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

International Day of Persons with Disabilities
December 3, 2010

WHEREAS, International Day of Persons with Disabilities is an international observance promoted by the United Nations since 1992 which works to support and promote the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, approximately ten percent of the world's population, or 650 million people, live with disabilities, and people are often unaware of the great number of persons living with disabilities and the challenges they face; and

WHEREAS, International Day of Persons with Disabilities aims to increase understanding of the issues associated with disabilities and draw attention to the dignity, rights, and well-being of persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, International Day of Persons with Disabilities also aims to increase the awareness of the gains for everyone if disabled persons are integrated into all aspects of political, social, economic, and cultural life and raise money for resources for persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, many events that aim to involve groups of people from all sections of society in upholding the rights of persons with disabilities and to celebrate the contributions of persons with disabilities to their communities are held on and around the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3 each year; and

WHEREAS, United Nations' International Day of Persons with Disabilities is an occasion to reaffirm and draw attention to the rights of people who live with disabilities worldwide; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education proclaims December 3, 2010, as International Day of Persons with Disabilities; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this special day serves as a time for educators, students, and parents in schools and classrooms across Michigan to recognize the gains and contributions of persons who live with disabilities.



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