

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing February 22, 2017, as Disability Awareness Day.

2 WHEREAS, more than 874,000 Kentuckians have a disability that impairs their
3 ability to work or to carry out tasks of daily living; and

4 WHEREAS, all barriers to services, whether they are physical, regulatory, financial,
5 or attitudinal, should be eliminated; and

6 WHEREAS, an individual with a disability and his or her circle of support should
7 be well-informed in order to exercise the freedom to make choices and direct care; and

8 WHEREAS, the individual should be given the education and opportunity to gain
9 and maintain employment and become a taxpaying citizen; and

10 WHEREAS, each person, including educational, medical, and judicial systems
11 personnel, should be educated about disabilities; and

12 WHEREAS, a person with a disability matters and should be afforded the
13 opportunity to participate in the democratic process;

14 NOW, THEREFORE,

15 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
16 ***Kentucky:***

17 ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby recognize February 22, 2017, as Disabilities
18 Awareness Day to promote an increased awareness of disabilities and a reduction of the
19 stigma often associated with them.

20 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
21 Resolution to Sheila Schuster, Advocacy Action Network: Mental Health and Healthcare
22 Advocacy, 120 Sears Avenue, Suite 212, Louisville, Kentucky 40207.