A RESOLUTION proclaiming March 6, 2019, to be Disability Awareness Day in Kentucky.

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

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

WHEREAS, the individual, and his or her support network, need to be informed so that they can exercise their freedom to make choices and to direct their own care; and

WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities should be given the education and opportunity to gain and maintain employment and to become tax payers; and

WHEREAS, no individual should be criminalized or discriminated against because of his or her disability; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2019, the United 874K Coalition will hold their annual advocacy event at the Kentucky State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, the United 874K Coalition anticipates more than 750 consumers, their families and friends, advocates and supporters, as well as caregivers and providers to attend the annual advocacy event; and

WHEREAS, all persons with disabilities should be afforded the opportunity to participate in the democratic process;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, does hereby proclaim March 6, 2019, to be Disability Awareness Day in Kentucky in order to promote an increased awareness of disabilities and a reduction of the stigmas often associated with them.

Section 2. The members of the House of Representatives heartily welcome the
1 United 874K Coalition, on behalf of the 874,000 Kentuckians with disabilities, to the
2 Capitol, and when the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
3 recognition of Disability Awareness Day.