

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, Congress has declared October, 1995, as Disability Employment awareness Month in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kitzhaber has done likewise in the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Americans with disabilities have a disproportionately high rate of unemployment; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that a two-thirds majority of adult Americans with disabilities are able and want to work; and

WHEREAS, architectural, communication and attitudinal barriers prevent people with disabilities from working; and

WHEREAS, government budgets are drained by benefits paid to persons with disabilities who want to work and cannot find jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANIEL W. FOWLER, MAYOR OF OREGON CITY, do hereby proclaim October, 1995, as:

"DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH"

in Oregon City and ask all citizens to join me in encouraging and promoting the employment of people with disabilities, removing barriers which prevent them from fully participating in all aspects of daily living and encouraging independence for all individuals with disabilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of September, 1995.

DANIEL W. FOWLER, Mayor

