

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 20 percent of the population of the United States of America is comprised of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, current studies place unemployment among the country's people with disabilities at more than 70 percent; and

WHEREAS, more than two-thirds of adults with disabilities in this country desire to work but cannot find employment; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act provided civil rights protection for America's 49 million persons with disabilities; and

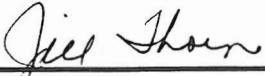
WHEREAS, America's shrinking labor force requires employers to utilize untapped human resources, such as persons with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the month of October 1997 is designated as

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of West Linn, and the residents of West Linn are called upon to observe the month by learning about people with disabilities, their strengths and abilities and the programs which serve their needs.

SIGNED this 22nd day of September, 1997.



Mayor Jill Thorn

