

## PROCLAMATION

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

**WHEREAS, the current unemployment rate for adults with disabilities exceeds 70 percent; and**

**WHEREAS, the State of Oregon has demonstrated its commitment to the employment of adults with disabilities through an Employment Initiative being administered by the Senior and Disabled Services Division and the Vocational Rehabilitation Division; and**

**WHEREAS, President Clinton has established a Task Force on the Employment of Adults with Disabilities in the nation; and**

**WHEREAS, Congress has declared October 1999 Disability Employment Awareness Month and called upon all Americans to recognize efforts to employ adults with disabilities;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the month of October 1999 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 more about people with disabilities, their strengths, abilities, and the programs which are designed to meet their needs.**

**Dated this 11th day of October, 1999.**



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