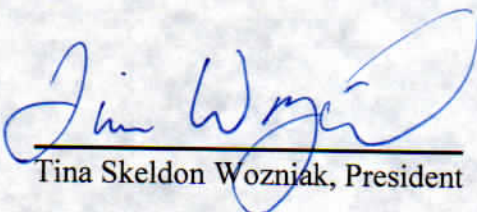


# Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** The Board of Lucas County Commissioners recognize the accomplishments and contributions of self-advocates in their efforts to help make Lucas County a welcoming community and exercising their rights as citizens to make life decisions without unnecessary influence or control by others; and
- WHEREAS,** The Commissioners fully endorse and support the work of the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities to empower people with disabilities to exercise their rights as citizens and expand awareness of self-determination principles, provide valuable training resources, and promote advocacy efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** There are often attitudinal, legal, and physical barriers that stand in the way of individuals with intellectual and developmental disorders to gain full access to employment and housing and realizing full and fulfilling lives; and
- WHEREAS,** Through their work to break down these barriers, self-advocates are demonstrating their many talents, a desire to be fully included in society, and self-determination to have meaningful lives and build a better community; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the Board of Lucas County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of **March 2019 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Lucas County**, and embrace and support the continued work of self-advocates to form meaningful friendships, secure successful employment, live as independently as possible, and feel valued by society.

  
Tina Skeldon Wozniak, President

  
Pete Gerken, Commissioner

  
Gary L. Byers, Commissioner