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# News Release

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## **Workforce Solutions and City of Abilene Join Effort to Support National Disability Employment Awareness Month**

**Abilene, Texas** — Mayor Anthony Williams on behalf of the City of Abilene presented Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas, Texas Workforce Commission Vocational Rehabilitation, and other community partners with a proclamation for Disability Employment Awareness Month at Thursday morning's City Council meeting. National Disability Employment Awareness Month is an awareness campaign that takes place each October to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. This year's theme is "The Right Talent, Right Now"

"Workplaces welcoming of the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy," said City of Abilene Mayor Anthony Williams as part of the proclamation. "As Mayor and on behalf of the members of the City Council, I am pleased to proclaim October 2019 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month in our city and ask employers, schools, and other community organizations to join with me in recognizing this month with programs and activities that advance its important message that people with disabilities are equal to the task throughout the year."

"Workforce Solutions and our Vocational Rehabilitation partners are proud to be a part of this year's National Disability Employment Awareness Month," said Student HireAbility Navigator Bill Dean. "We want to spread the message that valuing all perspectives and contributions in the workplace, including those of individuals with disabilities, is imperative."

Employers and employees in all industries can learn more about how to participate in National Disability Employment Awareness Month and ways they can promote its messages — during October and throughout the year — by visiting [www.dol.gov/NDEAM](http://www.dol.gov/NDEAM).

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