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PA GOVERNOR WOLF PROCLAIMS OCTOBER 2019 AS DISABILITY ACTION MONTH

Following a campaign by numerous organizations in PA and an online petition on change.org with over 700 signatures, Governor Wolf proclaims October 2019 as Disability Action Month.

Philadelphia, PA September 9, 2019 – Disability Equality in Education (DEE) is excited to announce that PA Governor Wolf proclaims October 2019 as Disability Action Month. He writes, “I encourage all citizens to celebrate the history, employment, pride, and education of our friends and neighbors with disabilities.”

Disability Equality in Education, Disability Pride Philadelphia, Inc., PA Inclusive Higher Education Consortium, Liberty Resources, Inc., other organizations, and many allies have contributed to the vision of eradicating disability stigma and fostering celebrations within our communities. Disability Action Month focuses on the ways in which the disability community can strengthen their identity through history, employment, pride, and education. Alan Holdsworth, Director of DEE said, “Here is a chance for all educators to bring disability into the conversation and use our website that we have designed for precisely this purpose. We thank the Governor for giving school districts a lead on this and look forward to working with educators to make this not just an empty statement but real action to combat the stigma of disability.”

Vicki Landers, President of DPP Inc. says, “Thank you Governor Wolf and your office for seeing the importance of Disability Action Month! We are putting a calendar of events together of all the happenings in Pennsylvania. If you have an event going on, please submit to me at disabilitypridephiladelphia@gmail.com, I will add to the Disability Action Month Calendar. We will post the calendar soon! Let's make this an annual event! We started a Facebook page, [Disability Action Month](https://www.facebook.com/DisabilityActionMonth), for communities to share their events and keep mobilized.

Disability Equality in Education: (DEE) is supported by a grant from the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council to end the stigma of disability in Pennsylvania's schools and colleges. DEE is affiliated with Disabled in Action (DIA). DIA is a civil rights organization committed to ending discrimination against people with disabilities. We embody the phrase “Nothing about us, without us” in the work we do with schools and colleges.

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