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Resolution to Proclaim October 2019 Disability Awareness Month



- A. The disability experience is a natural part of life and is valued as a part of our rich human diversity.
- B. Disability is a social construct. The 'problem' is not the medical condition that resides within the student, but the 'problem' is that society does not create welcoming, supporting environments/policies/systems for all. Therefore, we choose here to use "dis/ability" in order to recognize differing abilities NOT as an individual trait, but rather as an artifact of our cultural, political, and economic practices (Davis, 1995). We can change the impact of dis/ability and change our lens of dis/ability to one of capacity.
- C. The most effective way to change the impact of disability is by increasing our own awareness and being open to learning and acknowledging that there are systemic barriers that reduce the likelihood of those with dis/abilities enjoying equitable environments is a matter of social a shared responsibility of everyone because community means all.