

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, developmental and intellectual disabilities manifest during the formative years of life, before the age of 22, and are lifelong in duration, resulting in the continuing need for a variety of services designed to support full inclusion in community life.

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that approximately two percent of the United States population has an intellectual or developmental disability, which translates to approximately 178,000 children and adults in New Jersey, and The Arc Middlesex County alone serves 333 individuals, and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, The Arc Middlesex County has worked collaboratively with individuals, with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities, their families, organizations, coalitions, state and local agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, The Arc Middlesex County has valued and promoted effective partnerships between community partners volunteers, staff and leadership at all levels; and

**WHEREAS**, The Arc Middlesex County is guided in the belief that all people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities are defined by their own strengths, abilities and inherent value, not by their disability and are entitled to the respect, dignity, safety, and security accorded to other members of society, and are equal before the law.

**WHEREAS**, The Arc Middlesex County has articulated a positive vision for the future of people with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities and has catalyzed public and private support in the realization of that vision by its unwavering commitment to its individuals, families, community, leadership, staff and volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 75 years The Arc Middlesex County has led in the area of providing support, care and opportunity with integrity and accountability that reflects quality and excellence in all its work.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Mayor Jason F. Cilento, and the Borough Council of Dunellen, New Jersey, do hereby recognize The Arc Middlesex County in celebrating 75 years of outstanding and dedicated contributions in caregiving and support to empower individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities and their families to live their lives to the fullest.



Jason F. Cilento, Mayor  
Borough of Dunellen  
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