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Parks and Recreation Department

Durham Observes National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Durham Parks and Recreation Invites Residents to Celebrate Persons with Disabilities

Durham, NC - On Saturday, October 1, Durham will host “DisAble the Label,” an event held in honor of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), a national awareness campaign to celebrate the many contributions of American workers with disabilities.

DisAble the Label will be held at Holton Career and Resource Center, 401 N. Driver St. from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and will include a host of activities, games, entertainment and more. Participants will also learn about a host of community programs designed to meet the specific needs and interests of persons with disabilities.

The national theme of NDEAM this year is #inclusionworks. According to the United States Department of Labor, the hope is that the hashtag theme spurs both individuals and groups to post images and stimulate discussion on social media about the many ways “inclusion works.

Employers, employees, and residents can learn more about National Disability Employment Awareness Month [here](#).

For more details call 919-560-4355.

FAST FACTS

- In 1945 Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year “National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week.”

- In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities.
- In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month."
- ODEP assumed responsibility for NDEAM and has works to expand the observance since the then.

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