



PROCLAMATION

#P2013-06

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 is founded on four principles: inclusion, full participation, economic self-sufficiency, and equality of opportunity for all people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the full inclusion of people with disabilities into all aspects of society, it is essential to promote and educate about the valuable contributions of people with disabilities and to raise awareness of the proud heritage of disability history; and

WHEREAS, we recognize Open Door Rehabilitation's 50 years of commitment to individuals with disabilities in Sandwich and the surrounding areas in DeKalb County. We celebrate the founders' entrepreneurial spirit and devotion in their humble beginnings in launching an organization to begin the task of addressing and fulfilling the needs of these individuals. We commend volunteers and supporters, then and now, in their commitment to promote and educate the valuable contributions of individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the skills, achievements, and contributions of individuals with disabilities. We recognize the progress we have made toward equality for all, and we rededicate ourselves to ensuring individuals with disabilities can reach their greatest potential; and

WHEREAS, together, we have come a long way toward ensuring equal opportunity for all. On this 50th anniversary of Open Door Rehabilitation Center, let us recommit to going the rest of the distance. Let us promote disability rights and value the contributions of all individuals, regardless of disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the DeKalb County Board does acknowledge the successful service Open Door Rehabilitation has provided for the greater DeKalb County Community for the last 50 years and we wish the continued success in the many years ahead.

Given at Sycamore, Illinois, this 20th Day of November 2013, A.D.

Jeffery L. Metzger, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Douglas J. Johnson, County Clerk & Recorder