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COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZE INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

Cumberland County, PA – At their public meeting today, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners presented a proclamation to Sue Carbaugh, Director of the Cumberland-Perry Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Office, in recognition of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in March. The goal is to increase public awareness and understanding of people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities so these individuals have access to community resources for employment, education, housing and social opportunities to improve their quality of life.

This year the theme is *Ability at Work*. Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are friends, neighbors, coworkers, classmates, volunteers and teammates. We encourage all citizens to get to know someone with a disability through participating in community outreach activities and you will see that everyone has something to offer. Recognize *ability* to work and an individual's potential, not the disability.

The PA Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) is launching a campaign to encourage people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their friends, and family members to make plans to get out in public on March 29, 2014 to help raise awareness. "This one day movement will harness our collective power to gain allies, foster understanding, and dispel myths."

For additional information on the Cumberland-Perry Office of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities services and programs visit:

<http://www.ccpa.net/index.aspx?nid=118>

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