

# PROCLAMATION

## Mental Retardation Awareness Month

### In Recognition

- WHEREAS** mental retardation is a condition which affects more than 7 million Americans and their families;
- AND WHEREAS** public awareness and education enhance a community's understanding of the issues affecting people with mental retardation & developmental disabilities;
- AND WHEREAS** people with mental retardation & developmental disabilities can be vital and vibrant members of our communities, improving the quality of Life for all of us;
- AND WHEREAS** the month of March has been designated National Mental & developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, with 100,000 members and 900 chapters of The Arc undertaking public awareness, educational, and fundraising initiatives;
- AND WHEREAS** The Arc of the United States is the nation's leading volunteer-based organization advocating for and with people with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities and their families;
- THEREFORE** Joel Rodriguez, LaSalle County Judge does hereby proclaim March, 2009 as

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in LaSalle County and urges that the citizens of LaSalle County give full support towards enabling people with mental retardation & developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives in their communities.



La Salle County Judge