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PROCLAMATION
Mental Retardation Awareness Month

Whereas, the County of LaSalle has a long history of providing services and opportunities for people with mental retardation through the public and private sectors; and

Whereas, people with mental retardation have become integrated into LaSalle County's communities and workplaces. Through group homes and employment programs, people with mental retardation are becoming more independent and better able to live and work along with other residents of this state; and

Whereas, LaSalle County has a strong tradition of citizen involvement; particularly among the families of people with mental retardation; and

Whereas, by providing services which empower people with mental retardation, the County of LaSalle has allowed many individuals with mental retardation to live fuller, more productive lives and to become taxpaying citizens; and

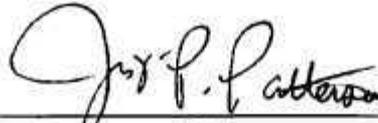
Whereas, LaSalle County is a leader in the state in the level of cooperation between business and to bring more people with disabilities in to the county's workforce, with greater personal and economic opportunity; and

Whereas, LaSalle County excels in providing safe, high-quality services for individuals with disabilities and their families.

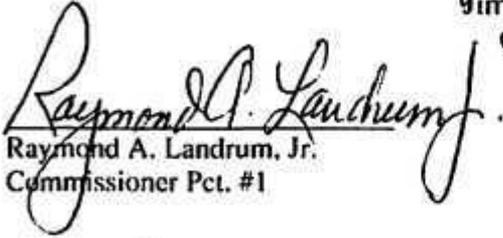
Now therefore be it resolved, by the Commissioners Court of the County of LaSalle that the month of March, 2002, be hereby recognized as **Mental Retardation Awareness Month**, in LaSalle County; and

Be it further resolved, that the LaSalle County Commissioners Court urges the residents of LaSalle County to learn more about their neighbors and co-workers with mental retardation; and

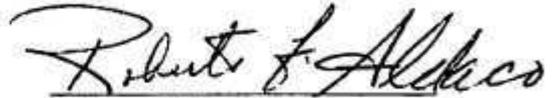
Be it further resolved, that March 2002 shall be a month in which everyone recognizes the abilities of people with mental retardation rather than their disabilities



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