COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

PENNSYLVANIA DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH
October 2013

WHEREAS, All Pennsylvanians should have the opportunity to live and work with dignity, freedom and economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of individuals with disabilities want to and can be employed in competitive, integrated employment; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2013 the national unemployment rate for people with disabilities was 14.1 percent, compared to 7.1 percent for people without disabilities; and

WHEREAS, growing jobs in Pennsylvania for all Pennsylvanians is a top priority of this administration; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the skills, abilities and dedication of Pennsylvanians with disabilities, including Pennsylvania's disabled Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania continues to promote awareness about disability employment through its annual "Pennsylvania Disability Employment and Empowerment Summit (PADES)" that provides disabled residents with information about programs and services that will suit their needs and enhance their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy recognizes October 2013 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month with a theme of "Because We Are EQUAL to the Task."

THEREFORE, I, Tom Corbett, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, recognize October 2013 as PENNSYLVANIA DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH in Pennsylvania. I encourage all citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twenty-third day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

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