

# March declared Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



Members of the Perry County Board of DD recently signed a proclamation stating March is DD Awareness Month for Perry County. Board members taking part included: (front left) Justin Gall, Amy English, Theresa Moore (back); Lindsay Wilson, Sally Francis, and Ken Yuchasz. Absent from photo: Jody Thompson.

## Board of DD signs proclamation for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

The Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities (PCBDD) members recently signed a proclamation, stating March as DD Awareness month, at their February board meeting.

The Proclamation, that both the DD Board and the Commissioners' signed reads as follows:

### Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Proclamation 2016

Whereas: Individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people;

And,

Whereas: the most effective way to increase this awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution;

And,

Whereas: opportunities for citizens with developmental disabilities to function as independently and productively as possible must be fostered in our community;

And,

Whereas: we encourage all citizens to support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in our community that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities;

And,

Now, therefore, we, The Perry County Board Members, do hereby proclaim March, 2016 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and recognize that our communities are stronger when everyone participates. Take time to get to know someone with a disability, find out their story and see what he or she has to offer.



Perry County Commissioners (back) Jim O'Brien, Dave Frericks, and Ed Keister, signed a Proclamation designating March as DD Awareness month, during their meeting on Feb. 5. Some individuals who receive County Board services, were in attendance to speak with the Commissioners and witness the signing of the Proclamation. Those attending the meeting included: Kari Spring, PCBDD activity center coordinator, and (front) Jeremy Burdsall, Mary Kinney, and Teresa Baker.