

STAFF SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 19-20, 2016

6. NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH**Today's Item**Information Action

Resolution recognizing October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- **Today's adoption of resolution** **Oct 19-20, 2016; Eureka**
- Direction and adoption of a FGC policy 2017; TBD

Background

DFW has reestablished the Director's Disability Advisory Committee (DAC). The purpose of the DAC is to promote and enhance opportunities and accessibility to DFW programs, services, activities, and facilities for persons with disabilities (PWD), and to advise the Director on issues of concern to PWD. FGC participates through a representative on the DAC, Caren Woodson.

This month DAC is participating in National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). In support this effort, staff has prepared a resolution recognizing NDEAM and to raise awareness about disability employment issues, celebrate the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities, promote enjoyment of California's fish and wildlife resources by people with disabilities, and urge everyone to dedicate themselves to empowering and fully including these individuals in all aspects of community life all year long. Staff will work with the DAC to draft a policy to formally memorialize the intent of this resolution and present it to FGC for adoption in 2017.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation**

FGC staff: Adopt resolution provided in binder.

CDFW Director's Disability Advisory Committee: Supports this resolution as part of the DAC's broader 2016 activities.

Exhibits

1. [Resolution](#)

Motion/Direction

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission adopts the Resolution recognizing October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month as proposed in Exhibit 1.

CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING

**OCTOBER 2016 AS
NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, about 56.7 million Americans live with disabilities, including veterans who became disabled while serving our country; and

WHEREAS, welcoming the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, is a critical part of our effort to build an inclusive community, strong economy and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is celebrated for its wide array of outdoor recreational activities and diverse wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the most effective methods for improving the lives of people with disabilities are public awareness, understanding and inclusion in the community and workplace; and

WHEREAS, the California Fish and Game Commission is committed to empowering and supporting people with disabilities to achieve self-determined lifestyles through community-based activities and relationships; and

WHEREAS, the California Fish and Game Commission encourages every person with a disability to experience recreation in California's wild places; and

WHEREAS, the California Fish and Game Commission is proud to support access to fishing, hunting, and other outdoor recreational opportunities;

NOW THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the California Fish and Game Commission, in concert with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Disability Advisory Committee, recognizes October 2016 as NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH to raise awareness about disability employment issues, celebrate the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities, promote enjoyment of California's fish and wildlife resources by people with disabilities, and urge everyone to dedicate themselves to empowering and fully including these individuals in all aspects of community life all year long.

OCTOBER 19, 2016

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