

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act established the right of adults and children with disabilities to participate fully in all aspects of American society; and

WHEREAS, Battle Ground supports the goals of equality, opportunity, independent living and economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor chose this year's theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month as *The Right Talent, Right Now; Inclusion Drives Innovation*; and

WHEREAS, the theme reflects the fact that people with disabilities have the education, training, talents, experience and desire to be successful in the work place.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Dalesandro, Mayor of the City of Battle Ground do hereby affirm the principles of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act by proclaiming October 2019 as

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in Battle Ground, Washington, and urge our citizens to rededicate our community to fulfilling the letter and spirit of the laws and ask policy makers and business leaders to redouble their efforts to:

*benefit from increasing opportunities for meaningful employment of people with disabilities
promote employment in all sectors of our economy
expand employment opportunities for youth with disabilities*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Battle Ground to be affixed this 7th day October 2019.

Mayor Mike Dalesandro