



## Inclusion Drives Innovation

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Governor John Bel Edwards issued a [proclamation](#) naming October Disability Employment Awareness Month in Louisiana. Tracing its history back to 1945, the purpose of the National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is to educate people about employing individuals with disabilities and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. This year's theme is #InclusionDrivesInnovation.

Throughout the month, the Council will be featuring information on employment of people with disabilities as well as individual success stories. The Council believes people with disabilities deserve the opportunity to contribute their productivity in their communities. Unfortunately, far too few Louisianans with disabilities have real jobs in the community. We continue to advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities to have opportunities to realize their full potential in integrated, competitive jobs.

Please read the Council's position paper on [Employment of People with Developmental Disabilities](#).

Employers and employees in all industries can learn more about how to participate in National Disability Employment Awareness Month and ways they can promote its messages - during October and throughout the year - by visiting the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) website at [www.dol.gov/odep/](http://www.dol.gov/odep/).

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