

# City of Gonzales



## State of Louisiana Proclamation

**WHEREAS:** The Arc of East Ascension is a non-profit organization committed to providing services and support that enable people of all ages with developmental and intellectual disabilities and special needs to attain their full potential; and

**WHEREAS:** The Arc strives to promote and maintain a high level of professionalism in all areas and to maximize all resources, human and financial, in the interest of helping all persons they serve lead fulfilling and rewarding lives; and

**WHEREAS:** The Arc includes over 140,000 members affiliated through more than 850 state and local chapters across the Nation; and

**WHEREAS:** It is important that every individual and family affected by intellectual and development disabilities have access to information, advocacy, and skills they need to participate as active members of their community and to live an ordinary decent American life; and,

**WHEREAS:** People with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families are valued, respected, and included in all communities; they direct their own lives and can choose services and support from many available sources; and they are empowered through non-profit advocacy. State and Federal Governments administer programs and set a budget that meet everyone's needs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Timothy "Tim" Riley, Mayor of the City of Gonzales, Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim

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AS  
DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH***

in the City of Gonzales and urge that the citizens give full support to efforts toward enabling people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live productive lives and achieve their potential.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and have caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the City of Gonzales, Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Riley", is written over a horizontal line.

Timothy "Tim" Riley, Mayor-Administrator

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brandon Boylan", is written over a horizontal line.

Brandon Boylan, City Clerk

