

## Senate Resolution 620

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Crofts of the 17th, Stokes of the 43rd and Starr of the 44th

**ADOPTED SENATE**

## A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring February 28, 2002, as the "Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities  
2 Day" at the Capitol and recognizing the outstanding efforts and support the Governor's  
3 Council on Developmental Disabilities provides to individuals with disabilities, their  
4 families, and the greater community at large, to enhance the quality of life for people with  
5 developmental disabilities; and for other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities was established in 1971  
7 in response to federal Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction  
8 Amendments of 1970, (P.L. 91-517); and

9 WHEREAS, the council is a 23 member board appointed by the Governor working in  
10 collaboration with consumers, their families, advocacy organizations, and policymakers to  
11 enhance the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and their families; and

12 WHEREAS, the council promotes and maintains projects for individuals with developmental  
13 disabilities creating opportunities for greater independence, inclusive education, access to  
14 vital information, involvement with diverse communities, and public policy resulting in  
15 positive actions for people with developmental disabilities and their families; and

16 WHEREAS, the council values its partnership and collaboration with policymakers state  
17 wide in order to create systematic change and a society that values all of its citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, the council will continue to play a role in supporting efforts into the next  
19 millennium and beyond to create a state that encourages every individual to live to his or her  
20 capacity; and

21 WHEREAS, the council seeks to provide opportunities for councilmembers, advocates, and  
22 individuals with developmental disabilities to address public policy issues such as the

1 "Unlock the Waiting Lists" campaign, accessible housing, supported employment, and  
2 long-term care.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that February 28, 2002, shall  
4 be known as the "Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities Day" at the Capitol in  
5 recognition of advocates, individuals with disabilities, and councilmembers and their efforts  
6 to support individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to create  
7 communities where individuals may live to their fullest potential by sponsoring activities that  
8 promote the independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion of people with  
9 developmental disabilities.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
11 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Governor's Council on Developmental  
12 Disabilities and the Department of Human Resources.

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