



West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month October 4, 2019

Please join us in celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). NDEAM is an annual awareness campaign that takes place each October. The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. This year's theme is "The Right Talent, Right Now"

The history of National Disability Employment Awareness Month traces back to 1945 when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Learn more about National Disability Employment Awareness Month by visiting www.dol.gov/NDEAM.