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### Ascension Proclaims March as Disabilities Awareness Month

President Clint Cointment took time during the March 17 Council meeting to proclaim March as “Disabilities Awareness Month in Ascension Parish.”

According to the proclamation, the Arc of East Ascension, a non-profit organization, provides services and support to help people of all ages with developmental and intellectual disabilities and special needs to attain their full potential.

The Arc is affiliated with the national Arc, with more than 140,000 members in more than 850 state and local chapters across the Nation. They provide that every individual and family affected by intellectual and developmental disabilities with access to information, advocacy, and skills they need to participate as active members of their community, and to live an ordinary decent American life.

The overall mission of The Arc is to ensure that 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.

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Photo: Front, left to right – The Arc board member Erica Ramos, Executive Director Raven LaBiche, board president Tammy Williams, Parish President Clint Cointment, board member Anita Cann, marketing director Sharon Morris, and board members Pam Hughes and Rhonda Lamendola.

Back, left to right - Ascension Parish Council members Travis Turner, Corey Orgeron, Joel Robert, Dempsey Lambert, Alvin Thomas, John Cagnolatti, Dal Waguespack, Teri Casso, Aaron Lawler, Michael Mason, and Chase Melancon.