PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Public Law 176 was signed in 1945 to designate the first week in October as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week"; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, the word "physically" was removed from the week's name to recognize the employment needs of all Americans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Congress, in 1988, expanded the week to a month and changed its name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" (NDEA Month); and

WHEREAS, October has become the kick-off month for year-round programs that highlight the abilities and contributions of Americans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2008, the nation celebrated the eighteenth anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which was enacted to prohibit discrimination against persons with disabilities in education, employment, and government services, and at places of public accommodation, commercial facilities, and in many other areas of society; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act was largely a statutory restatement of the federal Section 504 regulations, modeled after the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and was the first time persons with disabilities were recognized as a protected class by the United States government; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Sycamore Township will celebrate Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, for the successes of the disability rights movement and the invaluable contributions to the community of Sycamore Township, all disability advocates are deserving of recognition and commendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township that October, 2008, shall be proclaimed as Disability Employment Awareness Month, and the members of this body extend their commendation to all Sycamore Township citizens with disabilities for their dedicated and successful advocacy for the disability community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Officer of Sycamore Township is authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to appropriate persons.

PASSED, unanimously at the meeting of the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township this 14th day of October, 2008.

Thomas J. Weidman, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Richard C Kent Trustee

ATTEST:

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

R. Douglas Miller, Law Director