

Executive Committee Meeting

September 09th, 2021

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of August Minutes
3. Chair Report
4. First Vice-Chair Report
5. Second Vice-Chair Report
6. Treasurer Report
7. Other Officer Reports
8. Committee Chair Reports (2 minutes a piece)
 - a. What you've been working on
 - b. What are your next steps
 - c. What's the most important thing the EC needs to take action on regarding your committee (if anything)
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - a. Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Invisible Disabilities Week
11. Announcements

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Resolution Recognizing October 17 through October 23 2021 as Invisible Disabilities Month

WHEREAS, About 20% of people live with a condition which could be considered an invisible or hidden disability. That amounts to approximately 66 million Americans;

WHEREAS, nearly half of Americans are living with a chronic medical condition, totaling 165 million people. Many particular disabilities, mental health conditions, chronic illnesses, chronic pain, and injuries can all be considered invisible disabilities and they impact people from minor impairments to completely disabling;

WHEREAS, the term invisible disabilities as created and defined by IDA, distinguishes disabilities not readily apparent based upon just looking at a person, leading this person to fight a battle seldom acknowledged by the outside world;

WHEREAS, without the obvious signs of disability, many of those with invisible disabilities are accused of faking and exaggerating their conditions. This translates to a lack of funding, accommodations, medical resources, and overall support;

WHEREAS, the Invisible Disabilities Association strives to encourage, educate, and connect people and organizations touched by illness, pain and disability. With the help of IDA, we may envision a world where people living with illness, pain, and disability will be Invisible No More;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Kalamazoo County Democratic Party recognizes Invisible Disabilities Week from October 17, 2021 to October 23, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Kalamazoo County Democratic Party
09.09.2021