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In 1945, Congress designated October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This year the theme is “Talent Has No Boundaries: Workforce Diversity INCLUDES Workers with Disabilities.”

President Obama stated in his Presidential Proclamation of October 1, 2010, “This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the landmark civil rights legislation that established a foundation of justice and equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities. In the two decades since its passage, much progress has been made. However, Americans with disabilities continue to be employed at a rate far below Americans without disabilities, and they are underrepresented in our Federal workforce.”

He goes on to say, “No individual in our Nation should face unnecessary barriers to success, and no American with a disability should be limited in his or her desire to work.”

According to the Work Ability Utah October Newsletter, this Disability Employment month “is a time to celebrate; to recognize the skills and contributions of American workers with disabilities.”

We recognize that individuals with disabilities have made valuable contributions in the workforce and have impacted many lives.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month is a time to renew our focus on improving employment opportunities and career pathways that lead to good jobs and sound economic futures for people with disabilities.