

**Proclamation**  
**In Recognition of Queer and Trans History Month and Disability**  
**Awareness Month**  
**October 2017**

Ramapo College of New Jersey is proud to recognize National Disability Awareness Month and Queer and Trans History Month. This month is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many contributions and accomplishments that the LGBTQIA+ community and people with disabilities have made in our society throughout history.

Our recognition of National Disability Awareness Month is a symbol of our commitment to provide opportunity growth, and visibility for people with disabilities as well as fostering awareness and education of disability issues in our community.

In recognizing Queer and Trans History Month, Ramapo College supports and recognizes the importance of increasing awareness, education, and visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, and asexual people among other sexual and gender identities. This year's theme is a Culture of Resistance.

Here at Ramapo College, we recognize and celebrate diversity. In recognizing and celebrating both National Disability Awareness Month and Queer and Trans History Month, we hope to foster an inclusive, affirming, and safe community. Because respect for differences is a defining characteristic of a college community, we work toward erasing misconceptions, bigotry, and intolerance by heightening the awareness and understanding of these communities' lives and experiences.

NOW, THEREFORE, Ramapo College of New Jersey, hereby proclaim October, as National Disability Awareness Month and at Queer and Trans History Month Ramapo College of New Jersey, and I encourage our entire campus community to join me in celebrating these occasions.