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**RESOLUTION  
FOR  
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS  
BY  
AMERICAN DEAFNESS AND REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, The United Nations has proclaimed 1981 as the International Year of Disabled Persons and has invited all nations to establish concrete goals and programs aimed at improving the quality of life for persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS, President Carter has commended the initiative of the private sector in planning the U.S. program for the 1981 Year observance and has pledged both his personal support and that of the Administration for the U.S. effort;

WHEREAS, a U.S. Council has been formed to promote, through community commitment, full participation by persons with disabilities in all aspects of society, has established long-term goals not only to increase public awareness of the unmet needs of persons with disabilities but also to improve the quality of their lives, and in support of the work of the Year, has adopted the slogan "Meeting the Challenge Through Partnership"; and

WHEREAS, The formulation of action-oriented programs and the development of partnerships within the community between persons with and without disabilities, state and local governments, and local organizations should be the outgrowth of community commitment and should facilitate the integration of persons with disabilities into society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That ADARA supports the worldwide objective of the United Nations to establish goals and programs that will enrich the lives of citizens with disabilities and supports the aims of the U.S. Council both to fully integrate such people into community life and to sharpen public awareness of the problems and needs of persons with disabilities; and

RESOLVED, That ADARA will foster the U.S. Council concept of partnership building at the local level by becoming an IYDP Partner in the work of the Year, establishing an IYDP committee within its organizations, formulating projects designed to achieve these goals, and motivating its members to participate in these programs.

Adopted April 18, 1980  
By Action of the ADARA Board  
Sue E. Ouellette, Ph.D., President