

# CITY OF WINTER PARK proclamation

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**Purple Week | April 21-25, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, based in Winter Park, the Center for Independent Living (CIL) is a nonprofit organization and dedicated advocate for individuals with disabilities, reaching a diverse community across central Florida with essential services and resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the color purple has historically represented awareness for the broad spectrum of disabilities, and CIL remains committed to serving all individuals with disabilities regardless of diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, many individuals with disabilities face barriers, whether architectural, communication-based or attitudinal, that prevent them from living independently, whatever that may look like to them, and CIL works tirelessly to teach individuals how to be better self-advocates and effectively represent themselves and their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Winter Park and central Florida community play an essential role in supporting CIL's mission through its generosity of donors, business partners, sponsors and volunteers to expand its reach and impact; and

**WHEREAS**, for nearly 50 years, CIL has remained a cornerstone of support in the region, fostering dignity, independence and opportunities for people with disabilities through advocacy, education, mentoring, community engagement and making service referral connections; and

**WHEREAS**, increased education and awareness are vital to building a supportive society, and Purple Week will serve as a dedicated time to spotlight those who contribute to CIL's mission while fostering greater understanding and acceptance of individuals with disabilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Sheila DeCiccio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **Monday through Friday, April 21-25, 2025**, to be **"Purple Week"** in the City of Winter Park, Florida.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April.

**Sheila DeCiccio**  
Mayor