

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §18-100-2

## **§18-100-2. Legislative findings.**

The Legislature finds that:

- (1) According to the two thousand United States Census over four hundred thousand West Virginians have disabilities, which is nearly twenty-four percent of the state's general population;
- (2) In order to ensure the full inclusion of people with disabilities into society, it is necessary to expand the public's knowledge, awareness and understanding of the history of disabilities and the disability rights movement;
- (3) The disability rights movement is a civil rights movement that is an important part of the history of this state and this country;
- (4) October is recognized nationally as Disability Awareness Month; and
- (5) By designating the third week of October as Disability History Week, students and the public will have the opportunity to learn about the history and contributions of people with disabilities.