***Sample Government Proclamation***

**WHEREAS, the (*name of governmental entity*) believes that all individuals deserve the opportunity to be the best they can be, including people with intellectual disabilities; and**

**WHEREAS, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, founder of the Special Olympics movement and a tireless champion of the rights of those with intellectual disabilities, will be honored and remembered around the world on Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day, 24 September 2016; and**

**WHEREAS, in our own nation, Special Olympics programs give their athletes the chance to demonstrate, on and off the playing field, the capacity of people with intellectual disabilities to compete, to achieve, and to share in the joy and spirit that sports provides; and**

**WHEREAS, we agree that more people need to learn about the example of Eunice Kennedy Shriver and her movement, and share her values of hope, faith, courage, justice, and love; therefore**

**I, (*insert name of government official*), declare Saturday, 24 September 2016, the Seventh Annual Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day in the (insert name of town/community) and urge all members of our community to participate, and learn more about the valuable lessons Mrs. Shriver’s life provides.**