

PASSING A RESOLUTION IN YOUR CITY

NATIONAL STUTTERING AWARENESS WEEK

A PROUD STUTTER TOOLKIT

WHY LOCAL RESOLUTIONS?

Local government resolutions, proclamations or declarations in support of a given issue can send an important message about the values of a community and its citizens. They are often a powerful tool to generate awareness in your community.

STEP 1: DO YOUR RESEARCH & IDENTIFY

Identify your local jurisdiction's elected bodies and officials. Every city and county has different procedures regarding local resolutions. Elected bodies in your community may include your town or city council, the county board of commissioners or supervisors, community councils, etc. Research the process by which your jurisdiction issues resolutions. If you are having trouble finding the answers, call the elected body's clerk or contact your locally elected official and ask what the procedures are for passing resolutions or proclamations. Proud Stutter can help with research around the process and identifying the most strategic body to reach out to..

STEP 2: ORGANIZE YOUR COMMUNITY

Reach out to people connected to stuttering in your community. Do you know other people who stutter in the area? Are there local speech therapists you could talk to about this effort? Stuttering advocates? Getting a local resolution passed is no small feat. Proud Stutter can help identify those connected to stuttering in your community.



STEP 3: IDENTIFY A SPONSOR

Reach out to the elected official you feel will most resonate with stuttering awareness week. It could be a member of your city council, county commission, township board, or even the mayor. Perhaps you know someone connected to an elected official in your community or who knows the system well. Proud Stutter can help with talking points, messaging and fact sheets for you, your sponsor and other supporters to use.

STEP 4: DRAFT A RESOLUTION

The precise wording of the resolution is flexible. Proud Stutter has a National Stuttering Awareness Week Local Resolution Template available to use at the end of this toolkit. There are also links to view actual resolutions from other local jurisdictions across the country at westutter.org.

STEP 5: PLAN FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE

A press conference is a great way to get media attention around stuttering awareness week as well as getting the stuttering community together to celebrate. Proud Stutter can help with additional tips and guidelines for a successful press conference, including writing a press release of the vote to share with the media and on our website. Be sure to work with Proud Stutter in advance of the vote to help publicize your win and celebrate your success!

LAST THING! WRITE THANK YOU NOTES/EMAILS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BODY AND ALL THE SUPPORTERS FOR THEIR TIME AND SUPPORT!