

BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA

Special Olympics
Florida



Spread the Word- Inclusion Month



Words Affect Attitudes, Impact Actions

PLEDGE TO SPREAD
INCLUSION!
SpreadTheWord.global

The block contains a dark grey background with white text. At the bottom, there are two logos: one for "Spread the Word" and one for "Special Olympics".



Why Pledge?

Individuals with **intellectual disabilities (ID)**, a group made up of over 200 million people representing every country, belief system, sexual orientation, gender expression, race, and ethnicity, **continue to be excluded and isolated from their peers in schools, workplaces, and communities around the world.**

By taking the Pledge to Include and by **acting for meaningful inclusion**, you can combat the hurtful and dehumanizing effects of exclusion.



What does Your Pledge Mean?

By taking the pledge for Spread the Word, you are **stepping into the role of a leader committed to shaping a more inclusive world.**

Your pledge signifies a powerful stance against derogatory language targeted at individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Your commitment calls for change, inspiring others to follow suit and join the collective effort to eliminate discriminatory language.

Together, we can create a society where everyone is valued, celebrated, and free from the impact of harmful stereotypes.



How to take the Pledge for Inclusion

Sign the poster in the lobby of Key West City Hall.

Take action- be a teammate, be a friend, say hello, complement, inspire, create inclusive opportunities in your workplace, hire a person with developmental disabilities, teach instead of doing for,



We Are:

Employees

Joyful

Happy

Students

Daughters

Sons

Voters

Taxpayers

Athletes

Leaders

Friends

Neighbors

Our Mission and Goals



Mission Statement: The mission of Special Olympics Florida is to provide year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people with intellectual disabilities who wish to participate, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

We serve over 720 athletes with the help of over 55 coaches and countless volunteers in Monroe County.

Special Olympics athlete oath:

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."