

**County Council of Howard County, Maryland**

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 13

**RESOLUTION NO. 179 - 2015**

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Diane B. Mikulis to the Commission on Disability Issues.

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Introduced and read first time on December 7, 2015.

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on December 21, 2015.

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments \_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_, Withdrawn \_\_\_\_ by the County Council on January 4, 2016.

Certified by Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.



**Diane Behers Mikulis**  
**12681 Folly Quarter Road**  
**Ellicott City, Maryland 21042**  
**410-952-9740**

A community leader and education activist with a strong business background and decades of experience working with individuals with disabilities seeking reappointment to the Howard County Commission on Disability Issues.

### **Relevant experience**

**Howard County Commission on Disability Issues** – July 2015 to present

**Special Olympics** – Twenty-six years' service in managing events, public relations and coaching. Special Olympics serves children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through a program of sports training and competition.

- Special Olympics Howard County Executive Management Team – 10 years
- Head of Delegation for a 220-member Team Maryland at 2014 USA Games
- Public and media relations director – 15 years; Volunteer orientation presenter – 15 years
- Event management – 12 years
- Coaching: Alpine skiing -- 10 years, tennis – 7 years
- Coach for Special Olympics World Games in 2013, 2007, 1991 and 1987

**Two Top Mountain Adaptive Sports Foundation** – Four seasons teaching skiing to individuals with a variety of physical and developmental disabilities. Two Top is run out of Whitetail Ski Resort and is affiliated with Disabled Sports USA and the Wounded Warrior Project.

- Received certification from Professional Ski Instructors of America in Adaptive Skiing, Level 1
- Taught individuals with developmental disabilities, PTSD, TBI, autism, stroke recovery
- Experience with physical disabilities such as paralysis, limb amputations
- Worked with Wounded Warriors and their families

### **Professional Background**

**Board of Education of Howard County** – Elected member from 2004 to 2008, served as chairman, vice chairman, particular emphasis on special education

**Leadership Howard County** – Class of 2008. Currently serving on the General Membership Committee and as chairman of the Social Committee

**The Baltimore Sun** – Freelance writer from 1999 to 2004. Covered community events, education and real estate.

**Northrop Grumman Corporation/Westinghouse Electric Corporation** – 1979 to 1996. Worked in marketing, communication and government relations.

### **Educational Background**

**Loyola University Maryland** – Master of Business Administration, concentration in marketing

**University of Pittsburgh** – Bachelor of Arts in communication

### **Community activities**

- PTA member and officer for five schools over the past 21 years. Chairman of the after prom party (attended by 600 students) at River Hill High School for the past 4 years.
- Boy Scout Troop 793 – Assistant Scoutmaster and high adventure coordinator/trainer for 7 years.

### **Personal**

- Howard County resident for 30 years, originally from Pittsburgh
- Married for 33 years to Dwight Mikulis, mother of three sons – Adam, age 26, David, age 22 and Patrick, age 17.
- Interests include travel, skiing, hiking, backpacking, cycling, tennis