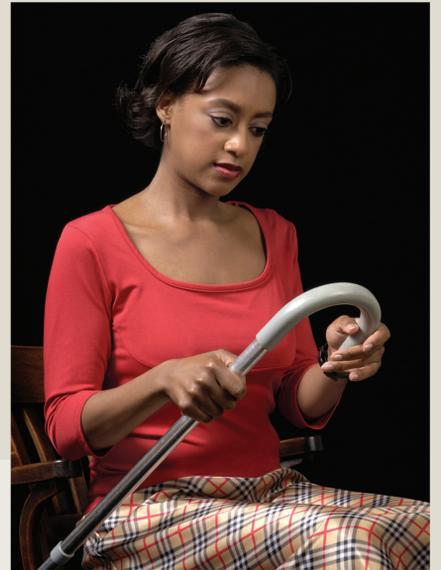


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## NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

National Disability Employment Month has been around for nearly 70 years. In 1945, Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." Over the years, the name changed and the week was expanded to a month. This year's theme reflects the reality that people with disabilities have the education, training, experience and desire to be successful in the workplace.



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