

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-063**

Proclaiming July 26, 2020 as Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. Approximately 61 million people in the United States have some sort of disability. This represents our nation's largest, most inclusive and most diverse minority group: all ages, genders, religions, ethnicities, sexual orientations, and socioeconomic levels are represented. Disability is a natural part of human experience. People with disabilities are people first, who happen to have a disability.
- b. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed on July 26, 1990 to ensure the civil rights of citizens with disabilities.
- c. On the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ADA, we celebrate this historic legislation, which reflects our Nation's dedication to securing the equal rights and defending the intrinsic dignity of all people. Today, we renew our commitment to empowering Americans with disabilities through equal access so they can achieve their full potential, and we celebrate their contributions.
- d. Since 1990, the ADA has transformed the lives of millions of Americans by promoting equal access to employment, government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities, and public transportation. The millions of people living with disabilities are part of the fabric of our Nation, and the ADA helps eliminate barriers to their full participation in every community across the country. We are grateful for the ADA for helping to foster a vibrant culture of inclusivity.
- e. Multnomah County, Oregon affirms the principals of equality and inclusion for persons with disabilities as set forth for the State of Oregon and as embodied in the ADA, the laws of the State of Oregon and ordinances of Multnomah County.
- f. Numerous organizations in Multnomah County and Oregon work with constituents and communities to bring forth the promise of hope and freedom that is envisioned by the passage of the ADA.
- g. As we commemorate the anniversary of the ADA, we recommit to working together to ensure people with disabilities have every opportunity to succeed through equity and accessibility.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

July 26<sup>th</sup> as the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day. We celebrate, and recognize the significant contributions of people with disabilities to the workforce and to the community. We extend greetings and best wishes to all observing July 26, 2020 as Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day.

**ADOPTED this 23rd day of July, 2020.**



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Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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