



WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities have suffered mistreatment, discrimination, indignities and humiliation for decades; and

WHEREAS, people with disabilities began to challenge societal barriers that excluded them from their communities, and when parents of children with disabilities began to fight against the exclusion and segregation of their children; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980's the movement to establish laws that protect individuals and groups with disabilities from unfair treatment, provide equal access to employment, allow equal access and provide special accommodations to public spaces, commercial facilities, and transportation, was organized and codified; and

WHEREAS, the **Americans with Disabilities Act** was signed into law by President George H.W. Bush on July 26, 1990, during a White House ceremony; and

WHEREAS, the **American with Disabilities Act (ADA)** prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in several areas, including employment, transportation, public accommodations, communications and access to state and local government' programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville, Maryland, takes an active role in making our community more accessible to people with disabilities, by supporting and treating everyone with dignity and respect, and ensuring the rights of all residents to experience equality and freedom from discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim **July 26, 2025**, as the **35th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act** being placed into law.




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