



WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities have long faced mistreatment, discrimination, indignities, and exclusion; and

WHEREAS, people with disabilities, along with parents and advocates, challenged these barriers and fought for inclusion, equal opportunity, and the right to fully participate in their communities; and

WHEREAS, during the 1980s, a national movement emerged to establish laws protecting individuals with disabilities from discrimination, ensuring equal access to employment, public spaces, commercial facilities, transportation, and essential services; and

WHEREAS, the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**, a landmark civil rights law prohibiting discrimination against people with disabilities in employment, transportation, public accommodations, communications, and state and local government programs, was signed into law by President George H. W. Bush on July 26, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville, Maryland, is committed to fostering an inclusive community by supporting accessibility, treating all individuals with dignity and respect, and upholding the rights of residents with disabilities to experience equality and freedom from discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim **July 26, 2026**, as the **36th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act**, and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of this landmark legislation and the ongoing work to advance accessibility, equity, and inclusion for people with disabilities.




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