

City of Highland Park Mayoral Proclamation



In Recognition of the 30th Anniversary of

Americans with Disabilities Act

WHEREAS, nearly 1 in 5 residents of the United States have a disability; and

WHEREAS, the population of people with disabilities is increasing among all age groups; and

WHEREAS, people with disabilities are more likely to be disadvantaged socially, vocationally, economically, and educationally; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to celebrate the 30th anniversary of this landmark civil rights legislation that prohibits discrimination based on disability and recognizes that all Americans have something to contribute to our country's story and deserve every chance to achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, and increasing full inclusion in community life; and

WHEREAS, despite the great strides that people with disabilities have made as a result of the ADA, barriers remain; and

WHEREAS, the goals of ADA are to foster public recognition that disability is a natural part of the human experience and expand opportunities for people with disabilities to participate fully in civic, social and economic life of the nation, our state and our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy R. Rotering, Mayor of Highland Park, do hereby declare July 26, 2020 as

Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day

And encourage our citizens to celebrate the 30th anniversary of this civil rights law and the many contributions of individuals with disabilities. We further encourage the reduction of stigma and discrimination against people with disabilities and support the pursuit of programs ensuring that the spirit and founding provisions of the ADA are maintained, implemented, and enforced. There is no higher calling than to recognize the dignity and worth of all people.

Dated this 20th day of July, 2020.


Nancy R. Rotering, Mayor




Ghida S. Neukirch, City Clerk