



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: For a time in our nation's history, individuals with disabilities were largely ignored, facing isolation and segregation from the rest of society; and
- WHEREAS: The Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including employment, state and local governments, and transportation; and
- WHEREAS: For the past 28 years, the Americans with Disabilities Act has represented the mission of breaking down both physical and social barriers that have historically excluded people with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: As a direct result of the Americans with Disabilities Act's passage, many areas of our communities are now accessible to all, allowing those with disabilities full participation and integration in society; and
- WHEREAS: As we celebrate the successes of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we also use this as an occasion to recognize the societal barriers that still exist for many individuals with disabilities today; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans must unite to fully realize the aspirations of the Americans with Disabilities Act and assure that our communities are physically and socially accessible to all; and
- WHEREAS: On the 28th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as we celebrate the progress that has been made, we recognize that changes still need to be achieved, and reaffirm our commitment to full accessibility, equality, and inclusion for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, July 26, 2018, as:

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 20th day of July.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE