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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY
COUNCIL City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution recognizing the 26th day of July as “Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Day”; and recognizing the month of July of every year as “Disability Pride and Empowerment Month”, a time of celebration in the City of Long Beach. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to City Council’s request on July 11, 2023, this Office has prepared and submits the above-described resolution for the Council’s consideration and approval.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

DAWN MCINTOSH, City Attorney

By: 

Vanessa S. Ibarra
Deputy City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS: CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH RECOGNIZING EVERY 26TH DAY OF JULY AS AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (“ADA”) DAY IN LONG BEACH; AND RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JULY OF EVERY YEAR AS “DISABILITY PRIDE AND EMPOWERMENT MONTH”, A TIME OF CELEBRATION IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

WHEREAS, since the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) on July 26, 1990, Disability Pride has become a celebratory movement aimed at recognizing achievements for disability rights while pushing for disability equity across all sectors of life; and

WHEREAS, prior to 1990, people living with disabilities were subjected to employment and other disability-based discrimination with lack of equal protection under the law; and

WHEREAS, the ADA is recognized as one of the most important civil rights laws in history establishing protections to prevent discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life including jobs, schools, transportation, and all private places open to the general public; and

WHEREAS, Disability Pride uplifts and celebrates the contributions of disability activists that fought for the passage of the ADA, and have valiantly advocated for protected pathways toward better working and living conditions for everyone; and

WHEREAS, cities such as Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, and Madison have celebrated Disability Pride Month since the early 2000’s; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach (the “City”) is committed to celebrating and respecting all people with disabilities and building upon the efforts of breaking barriers

1 in all areas of public life; and

2 WHEREAS, the City is a leader in celebrating diversity, supporting social
3 justice and equity in the City, and fostering mutual respect and understanding for all;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
5 follows:

6 Section 1. The City Council hereby recognizes every 26th of July in the
7 City of Long Beach as ADA Day to honor and observe the valuable contributions the
8 disability community brings to the growth, diversity, and economic prosperity to our City.
9 Further, the City Council hereby recognizes this day as a time of celebration this year and
10 every year thereafter in the City of Long Beach.

11 Section 2. The City Council hereby recognizes the month of July of every
12 year in the City of Long Beach as Disability Pride and Empowerment Month to honor and
13 celebrate the contributions of disability activists that fought for the passage of the ADA and
14 that valiantly advocated for protected pathways toward independent living, and better
15 working and living conditions for everyone. Further, the City Council hereby recognizes this
16 month as a time of celebration this year and every year thereafter in the City of Long Beach.

17 Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
18 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2023, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

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