

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities. This legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities. On July 26, we will celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the ADA; and*

WHEREAS, *The ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life. However, the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if we remain committed to continuing our efforts to fully implement the ADA; and*

WHEREAS, *On the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Belleville will celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA compliance; and*

WHEREAS, *numerous organizations in our community, including LINC, Inc. work with constituents and communities to bring forth the promise of hope and freedom that is envisioned by the passage of the ADA.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patty Gregory, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois do hereby proclaim July 26, 2021, as Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day in the City of Belleville.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed, this 6th day of July 2021.

Patty Gregory
Patty Gregory, Mayor
Dated this 6th day of July 2021

