

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, some 57 million Americans have disabilities which have caused many to undergo the indignities of discrimination; and some 908,818 Washingtonians have disabilities which have also caused many to undergo indignities of discrimination; and on July 26, 1990, President George H. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of this Act to provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities in the areas of education, employment, government services, places of public accommodation, commercial facilities, and other vital areas of society; and it is also the purpose of this Act to provide clear, strong, consistent, enforceable standards addressing discrimination against individuals with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and promoted full participation in community life; and, despite progress over the past 30 years, people with disabilities still have higher poverty rates and lower employment and educational outcomes than those without disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane is committed to providing the most integrated, least restrictive environments for people with disabilities and their families to live in freedom and enjoy the promise of education, employment, effective communication, participation in their communities, culture, way of life, and to have an equal opportunity to participate as active, productive and independent citizens in Spokane; and it is fitting and appropriate to recognize this date and to heighten public awareness of the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2020 as

AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT AWARENESS DAY

Spokane celebrates and recognizes the progress that has been made to fulfill the promise of the ADA and reaffirms our commitment to implementation efforts.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
26th day of July 2020

A purple ink signature of Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane.

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

