

1 [Americans with Disabilities Act Month - July]

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3 **Resolution declaring July of every year as Americans with Disabilities Act Month in the**
4 **City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, July 26, 2015, marks the 25th anniversary of the signing of the landmark
7 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the first of its kind legislation worldwide that creates a
8 national mandate for the elimination of barriers for people with disabilities; and

9 WHEREAS, The seeds of the nationwide ADA legislative efforts took hold in the San
10 Francisco Bay Area with the start of the Independent Living movement in Berkeley and
11 culminated with the month-long occupation of the San Francisco federal building in 1977 that
12 led to the implementing regulations of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; and

13 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has historically supported the rights
14 of people with disabilities for equal opportunity and self-determination through legislative and
15 financial actions; and

16 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has approved San Francisco's extensive
17 transition plan for over 100 accessibility projects to be constructed in an expeditious manner;
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19 WHEREAS, The Board has prioritized capital funding for the barrier removal at existing
20 City facilities, and increased access in buildings and the pedestrian right-of-way; and

21 WHEREAS, The Board has supported legislation to mitigate accessibility barriers at
22 public accommodations; and

23 WHEREAS, The Board demonstrated its commitment to the principles of equal
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1 participation for people with disabilities with the Reasonable Modification ordinance and
2 resolution requiring the provision of specific auxiliary aids and services to ensure effective
3 communication in City sponsored events; and

4 WHEREAS, The Board prioritizes the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in the City
5 workforce through enactment of Civil Service Rule 115 and the establishment of an advisory
6 committee to increase the employment participation of people with disabilities; and

7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes that the disability
8 community is an important part of a vibrant and diverse community that has contributed to the
9 overall cultural and historic significance of this great City; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims July of
11 every year as Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Month in the City and County of San
12 Francisco and calls upon all its residents to recognize the contributions made by members of
13 the disability community and join them in celebration and continuing efforts for the
14 advancement of human and disability rights.

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