[Americans with Disabilities Act Month - July]

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has approved San Francisco's extensive transition plan for over 100 accessibility projects to be constructed in an expeditious manner; and

WHEREAS, The Board has prioritized capital funding for the barrier removal at existing City facilities, and increased access in buildings and the pedestrian right-of-way; and

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

WHEREAS, The Board demonstrated its commitment to the principles of equal

participation for people with disabilities with the Reasonable Modification ordinance and resolution requiring the provision of specific auxiliary aids and services to ensure effective communication in City sponsored events; and

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

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

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



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July 07, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/7/2015 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned 7/17/15 Mayor **Date Approved**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Clerk of the Board