



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

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 celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the ADA; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville, Florida affirms the principles of equality and inclusion for persons with disabilities, as do numerous organizations throughout our city and state that work with constituents and communities to bring forth the promise of hope and freedom that was envisioned by the passage 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 33rd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Jacksonville, Florida celebrates and recognizes the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2023 as

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AWARENESS DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to increase awareness and support for equality and inclusion for all people with disabilities.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 13th Day of July in the year
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donna Deegan".

MAYOR