

The City of Holland, Michigan



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; and

WHEREAS, the ADA legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, on the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act we celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principles of equity and inclusion for all people; and

WHEREAS, while we may not encounter a disability today, that as we age, we are likely to present with a disability; and

WHEREAS, as a city we recognize that removing barriers and advancing accessibility to all residents is a continuous improvement process; and

WHEREAS, as a city we commit to providing access and opportunities for all to engage in municipal government; and

WHEREAS, we invite community stakeholders to proactively consider the needs of people with disabilities in their places of work, worship, business, schools, and other areas of community life; and

WHEREAS, we recognize those individuals that championed the Americans with Disabilities Act, like Ed Roberts, Judy Heumann, Bob Williams, Justin Dar, Lydia XZ Brown, and the many family and community advocates throughout Holland; and

WHEREAS, as a city we recognize and applaud the work of local organizations, like Disability Network Lakeshore, Brothers and Sisters Homes, Benjamin's Hope, Arc Advocacy and Resource Center, and the many nonprofits that provide and address the needs of our people with disabilities and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nathan Bocks, Mayor of the City of Holland, Michigan, and members of the Holland City Council, proclaim

July 26, 2025

as the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and urge all Holland residents to elevate the voices of people with disabilities and participate in the ADA 35th Anniversary Celebration at Moran Park on July 26th from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and invite the community to attend and elevate the voice of persons with disabilities.



Given under my hand and the seal of the
City of Holland, on this day the 16th of July 2025

Mayor Nathan Bocks