

Office of the Mayor
Arkansas City, Kansas
Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Disability Independence Day is celebrated each year on July 26 and, this year, it commemorates the 31st anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 1990; and

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

WHEREAS, ADA provides protection from employment and other forms of discrimination by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, increasing full participation in community life, and providing better access to goods, services and communications for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, although ADA has helped millions of Americans with disabilities to achieve equal treatment for disabled individuals, there still are barriers to public accommodation of which governments, corporations and business owners need to be aware, and the full promise of ADA only will be reached if we remain committed to continue our efforts to implement it fully; and

WHEREAS, throughout the year and on the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, this City, and its Equal Opportunity and Accessibility Advisory Board, celebrate and recognize 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, Scott Rogers, Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim **Monday, July 26, 2021**, as

NATIONAL DISABILITY INDEPENDENCE DAY

in the City of Arkansas City, and do hereby reaffirm that the City and its citizens will continue to work toward full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed:

Name/Title: Scott Rogers, Mayor

Date: July 26, 2021