



PROCLAMATION

Disability Independence Day: July 26, 2026

July 26 marks Disability Independence Day, commemorating the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990, landmark civil rights legislation that affirmed the rights of people with disabilities and helped ensure equal access to employment, public services, transportation, public accommodations, and community life.

Disability Independence Day recognizes the ongoing work to promote accessibility, inclusion, equal opportunity, and full participation for people with disabilities. It is also a time to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and leadership of individuals with disabilities who strengthen our communities every day.

The City of Columbia Heights is committed to fostering a welcoming and inclusive community where all residents are treated with dignity and respect. Through continued efforts to improve accessibility, remove barriers, and promote equitable opportunities, the City strives to ensure that residents of all abilities can fully participate in civic, recreational, educational, and community life.

Disability Independence Day serves as a reminder that accessibility benefits everyone and that building inclusive communities requires ongoing collaboration, awareness, and commitment. Columbia Heights proudly joins communities across the nation in recognizing the importance of advancing independence, opportunity, and full participation for all people.

I, Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor of Columbia Heights, do hereby proclaim **July 26, 2026** to be **Disability Independence Day** in the City of Columbia Heights, County of Anoka, State of Minnesota, U.S.A.

Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor
July 13, 2026