



City of Ketchum

PROCLAMATION

Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day

- Whereas,** some 57 million Americans, including 304,000 Idahoans, have disabilities which have also caused many to undergo indignities of discrimination; and
- Whereas,** on July 26, 1990, President George H. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities; and
- Whereas,** it is the purpose of this Act to provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all vital areas of society; and
- Whereas,** it is also the purpose of this Act to provide clear, strong, consistent, enforceable standards addressing discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and
- Whereas,** the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, and promoted full participation in community life; and
- Whereas,** despite progress over the past 30 years, people with disabilities still have higher poverty rates and lower employment and educational outcomes than those without disabilities; and
- Whereas,** the City of Ketchum is committed to working toward providing the most integrated, least restrictive environments for people with disabilities and their families to have an equal opportunity to participate as active, productive and independent citizens in our town; and
- Whereas,** it is fitting and appropriate to recognize this date and to heighten public awareness of the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neil Bradshaw, Mayor of the City of Ketchum, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2020 to be Americans With Disabilities Act Awareness Day in the City of Ketchum and do hereby affirm that the City will remain committed in our efforts to fully implement the ADA.