

STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Americans With Disabilities Act was introduced in the U.S. Senate on May 9, 1988, in order to clearly and comprehensively prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability, which was both commonplace and accepted at the time; and

WHEREAS, Tom Harkin, a U.S senator from Iowa, introduced the legislation in a speech partly delivered in sign language on behalf of his deaf brother; and

WHEREAS, the legislation guarantees to people with disabilities rights in employment; state and local government services; public accommodations, and telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, the Americans With Disabilities Act also requires removal of architectural and communication barriers and requires reasonable employment accommodations for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Americans With Disabilities Act passed the Senate on September 7th, 1989, and the House of Representatives on May 22nd, 1990, with strong bipartisan support in both chambers, sending a resounding message that this nation would no longer tolerate isolation, segregation and second-class citizenship for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, President George H. W. Bush signed the Americans With Disabilities Act on July 26th, 1990; and

WHEREAS, known commonly as the ADA, the Americans With Disabilities Act is the landmark civil rights legislation for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, July 26th, 2020, marks the 30th anniversary of the historic signing of the Americans With Disabilities Act:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim July 26th, 2020, as

"AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT DAY"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this 17th day of July 2020.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Mexico.

Michelle Lujan Grisham

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Governor