Resolution celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the American with Disabilities Act, recognizing July as Disability Pride Month in the City and County of San Francisco in perpetuity, and urging continued commitment to expanding accessibility and empowering the civil rights of people with disabilities.

WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act is groundbreaking legislation passed by the United States Congress and signed into law on July 26, 1990, to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act is recognized as one of the most important civil rights laws in history establishing protections to prevent discrimination based on disability, requiring that employers provide reasonable accommodations to employees with disabilities, and ensuring that public accommodations meet accessibility requirements; and

WHEREAS, Disability Pride enables people with disabilities to redefine their identity, serves as a tool to tackle ableism, bias, discrimination, and reshapes negative perceptions of individuals with disabilities as people with value, talents, and significance; and

WHEREAS, Disability Pride celebrations take place annually in cities around the country to increase the visibility of the diverse identities of people living with disabilities and foster the continued movement to reclaim the public narrative and dismantle systemic ableism; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has a long history in the Disability Rights Movement, including the twenty-six day occupation of the San Francisco Federal Building in 1977 by people with disabilities, the longest takeover of a Federal building in United States history that
successfully resulted in the long delayed signing of Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, which ultimately served as the foundation for the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is dedicated to supporting people with disabilities through the establishment of the Mayor’s Office on Disability, the Mayor’s Disability Council, the work of the Department of Disability and Aging Services and its Commission, as well as Americans with Disabilities Act compliance officers working within City departments and their partnerships with organizations such as the Community Alliance of Disability Advocates (CADA); and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Mayor London N. Breed issued a Proclamation declaring July 2020 as Disability Pride Month in the City and County of San Francisco and directed City Hall to light up blue to mark the historic 30th Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act on July 26, 2020; and;

WHEREAS, Despite extensive progress, people with disabilities continue to face extensive discrimination, including, but not limited to employment and educational opportunities, housing stability, and access to accommodations and services; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commemorates the 30th Anniversary of the American Disabilities Act and recognizes July as Disability Pride Month in the City and County of San Francisco in perpetuity; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors celebrates the accomplishments of the ongoing movement for the rights of people with disabilities and commends the organizations and leaders advancing more equitable policies; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages promotion of Disability Pride Month; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors further commits to increasing accessibility for people with disabilities as it pertains to government services, engaging in the legislative process, and advancing representation on decision-making bodies, by allowing remote participation in meetings and hearings and prioritizing recruitment for city jobs and commissions.
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July 28, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

File No. 200798

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/28/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

8/10/2020
Date