

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, disability is a natural part of the human experience and over 12% of Missoula residents live with one or more disabilities; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities and establish a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans living with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, affording people with disabilities the opportunity to participate in the mainstream of American life and be treated as equal and valued members of society; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if we remain committed in our efforts to fully implement the ADA and to reduce attitudinal barriers, labels, and stigmas towards people with disabilities that still exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andrea Davis, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby proclaim the 26th day of July, 2025 as:

A DAY TO COMMEMORATE THE 35th ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

in Missoula, Montana and recognize that full community inclusion by individuals with disabilities is vital to the success of our community. Today we celebrate the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts as a community to achieve full ADA compliance and realize the full promise of the ADA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, to be affixed at Missoula, Montana, this 26th day of July in the year two thousand twenty-five.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Davis".

Andrea Davis
Mayor