

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

6611 Kenilworth Avenue • Riverdale, Maryland 20737

M-NCPPC Resolution No. 25-16

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT RECOGNIZING THE 35th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SIGNING OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

WHEREAS, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is a leader in land use planning, parks, and recreation and is dedicated to providing quality services and programming that are inclusive and accessible to all patrons of Montgomery and Prince George's counties; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** – a landmark civil rights legislation prohibiting the discrimination against individuals with disabilities in various areas, including employment, public services, public accommodations, and telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, before the signing of the ADA, the M-NCPPC Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County created the Special Services Division with the support of numerous parents, advocates, and professionals, and provided programming for community members with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has been awarded six National Gold Medal Awards from the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA) in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) including the 1983 Gold Medal for leadership in special recreation and outstanding community achievement in serving people with disabilities; and


WHEREAS, in 1993 The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission approved a resolution and staff ADA training was conducted for all employees; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 Montgomery Parks hired the first full-time staff to focus on Program Access, ensuring individuals with disabilities are welcomed to participate in enjoyable leisure-time activities in accessible places and programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission recognizes the 35th Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act and endorses this month's Commission-wide activities, initiatives, and programming as reminders of the efforts of dedicated professionals and community members who contribute.

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This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on motion of Commissioner Geraldo seconded by Vice Chair Harris, with Commissioners Bartley, Barnes, Geraldo, Harris, Hedrick, Pedoeem and Washington voting in favor of the motion, and Commissioners Bailey and Linden being absent from the vote, at its regular meeting held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at the Prince George's Parks and Recreation Administration Building Auditorium in Riverdale, Maryland.


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REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

s\ Debra S. Borden, General Counsel
July 16, 2025
M-NCPPC Legal Department