



City of Framingham

Proclamation

July 26, 2023

NATIONAL DISABILITY INDEPENDENCE DAY

WHEREAS, the City of Framingham will raise the Framingham Disability flag today, July 26, 2023 for the first time;

WHEREAS, today is the 33rd anniversary of the signing of the federal Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA);

WHEREAS, before President George H.W. Bush signed the ADA law in 1990, it was hard to find a wheelchair ramp at any public building and that individuals with disabilities were rejected for housing and jobs.

WHEREAS, the contributions of individuals with disabilities make our City of Framingham stronger.

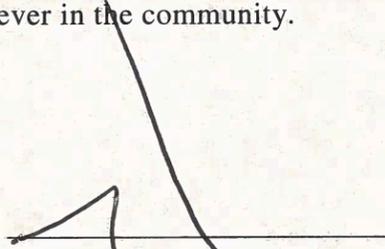
WHEREAS, today more than 42 million Americans with disabilities live in the United States, which is about 13% of the population.

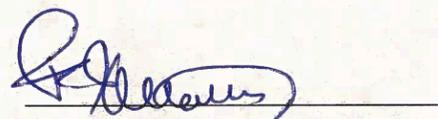
WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities can have hearing, vision, cognitive, mobility issues.

WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities are every sex, gender, race, ethnicity, and religion, but especially individuals age 65 and older. According to the Census Bureau's 2021 American Community Survey, older Americans are much more likely to have a disability than young people. Roughly 46% of Americans ages 75 and older and 24% of those ages 65 to 74 report having a disability.

WHEREAS, any individual can become disabled at any point in their life, the City of Framingham strives to make changes so all individuals can access all services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City of Framingham, Mayor Charlie Sisitsky and the City Council Chair Philip Ottaviani, Jr. hereby proclaim today as **National Disability Independence Day** in the City of Framingham to mark the raising of the Framingham Disability flag for the first time ever in the community.


Charlie Sisitsky, Mayor


Philip Ottaviani, Jr., Council Chair


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