

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, in July 1990 the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law; and

Whereas, the month of July was chosen to honor the enactment of this groundbreaking law; and

Whereas, it is important to take time this month to reflect on the disability rights movement and the progress that has been made; and

Whereas, the City of Oregon City recognizes that one of its greatest strengths is the diversity of its citizens; and

Whereas, the City of Oregon City believes in the dignity of all disabled individuals, supporting equity and ensuring acts of discrimination will not be tolerated, and

Whereas, disabled individuals contribute to our community's success and strength in a great number of ways immeasurable ways; and

Whereas, disabled individuals continue to face discrimination for something out of their control and for being who they are, continue to be a target of violence and harassment and continue to persist through the efforts of the disabled community and the support of community agencies, businesses, and individual allies; and

Whereas, discrimination on the basis of disability is often compounded with discrimination based on race, sexual orientation and gender identity, immigration status, religion and age, among others.

Now, Therefore, I, Denyse C. McGriff, Commission President of the City of Oregon City, do proclaim

July 2022 as Disability Pride Month

And, and encourage all people in our City to join in celebrating diversity, and promoting inclusion and equity, and call upon the people of Oregon City to join their fellow citizens in recognizing the passage of this important law.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of July 2022.


DENYSE C. MCGRIFF,
COMMISSION PRESIDENT