



City of St. Charles  
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# Proclamation

Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Model Resolution  
Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Passage of  
the Americans with Disabilities Act

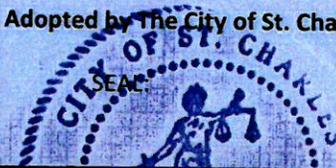
- WHEREAS,** nearly 1 in 5 residents of the United States have a disability; and
- WHEREAS,** the population of people with disabilities is increasing among all age groups; and
- WHEREAS,** people with disabilities are more likely to be disadvantaged socially, vocationally, economically, and educationally; and
- WHEREAS,** the **Americans with Disabilities Act** was signed into law on July 26, 1990 by President George H. W. Bush; and
- WHEREAS,** it is appropriate to pause and celebrate/recognize the **Americans with Disabilities Act** as a wide ranging and landmark piece of civil rights legislation that prohibits discrimination based on disability; and
- WHEREAS,** in enacting the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**, Congress recognized that persons with disabilities have a history of being subjected to unequal treatment, and that the nation's goals regarding individuals with disabilities are to assure equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self sufficiency; and
- WHEREAS,** the **ADA** has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, and increasing full inclusion in community life; and
- WHEREAS,** despite the great strides that people with disabilities have made as a result of the **Americans with Disabilities Act**, barriers remain; and
- WHEREAS,** the goals of **ADA 25** are to foster public recognition that disability is a natural part of the human experience and expand opportunities for people with disabilities to participate fully in civic, social and economic life of the nation, our state and our community.

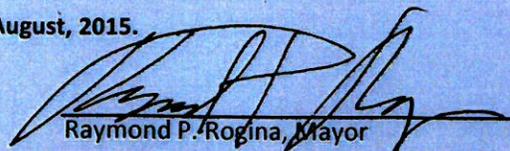
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, RAYMOND ROGINA, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, do hereby proclaim that the most effective way in which to celebrate this milestone 25-year anniversary of the Americans with Disability Act is to reaffirm our opposition to discrimination based on disability and to strive to promote full implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** we encourage the reduction of stigma and discrimination against people with disabilities through education and training; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** we support the pursuit of programs to ensure that the spirit and founding provisions of the **Americans with Disabilities Act** are maintained, implemented, and enforced. There is no higher calling than to recognize the dignity and worth of all people.

Adopted by The City of St. Charles this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.



  
Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor