



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) AWARENESS DAY IN FLORIDA
~ Florida Celebrates 25th Anniversary of the ADA ~

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990 – with the final major provisions becoming effective on July 26, 1992 – to ensure the civil rights of citizens with disabilities by providing for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities in access to employment, transportation, telecommunications, state and local services, and public accommodations; and

WHEREAS, numerous organizations and advocates throughout Florida work with constituents and the community to bring forth the promises of hope and freedom that were envisioned by the passage of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, more than three million Floridians live daily with some form of physical or mental disability, and the State of Florida affirms the principles of equality and inclusion for persons with disabilities as set forth in the State of Florida's Constitution, Article I, Section 2, and is embodied in the ADA and laws of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, each October Florida observes Disability Employment Awareness Month, honoring employers with a history of hiring people with disabilities, and highlighting the workplace achievements of individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Florida's growing economy and mission to be the global leader for businesses and job creation is essential to providing opportunities for persons with disabilities to live, work, and participate in their local communities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has provided \$56 million over the past three years to provide increased access to services to more than 2,800 individuals with disabilities who previously were not receiving community services; and


WHEREAS, Florida has become the first state in the nation to guarantee children with developmental disabilities of active duty service members the chance to receive services when their parents are transferred to Florida if they were receiving services in another state; and

WHEREAS, July 26, 2015, is the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and on July 24, 2015, the State of Florida will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act with a Celebrate Independence March and ADA Celebration event in Tallahassee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing July 26, 2015, as *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Awareness Day in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this seventh day of July, in the year two thousand fifteen.


Governor