

Whereas on July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities, and this legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities;

Whereas on July 26, 2015, we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the signing of the ADA;

Whereas the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life;

Whereas the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if we remain committed to continue our efforts to fully implement the ADA;

Whereas all types of libraries in all types of communities, schools, colleges and universities, and other institutions across the United States play important roles in reducing barriers to information access and supporting reading and learning for all, and;

Whereas the American Library Association has continuously championed universal access through ADA compliance and programmatic efforts, including recognition for quality books, scholarships to educate librarians on principles and practices of universal access and design, ongoing professional development, networking, information sharing, and support, now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association, on behalf of its members:

1. celebrates 25 years of the ADA and recognizes the progress made in affirming and carrying out the principles of accessibility, equality, and inclusion by libraries and library staff throughout the United States as well as within the American Library Association; and
2. reaffirms its philosophical commitment to the ADA.

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