



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HARRISBURG

THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

***20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
July 26, 2010***

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

WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, increasing full participation in community life. However, the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if public entities remain committed in their efforts to fully implement the ADA; and

WHEREAS, on the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania celebrates and recognizes the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principals of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA compliance.

THEREFORE, I, Edward G. Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2010, the 20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, and do hereby reaffirm a commitment to work toward full ADA compliance in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twenty-first day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

Edward G. Rendell

***EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor***