



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Disability Pride Month is celebrated nationally in the month of July to honor the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA); 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, disabled individuals contribute to our community's success and strength in a great number of immeasurable ways; and

Whereas, disabled individuals continue to face discrimination, 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, disability is not limited to visible conditions such as wheelchair use, but also includes a diverse range of conditions such as hearing, visual or orthopedic impairment, traumatic brain injury, autism, intellectual or emotional or learning disabilities, and speech or language impairments; and

Whereas, we acknowledge the barriers and challenges faced by individuals with disabilities, including societal attitudes, built and architectural barriers, lack of accessibility, discrimination, and unequal opportunities; and

Whereas, the City Council has directed the creation of a disability advisory committee to review and recommend policies, programing, and issues related to current infrastructure or other barriers; and

Whereas, we appreciate the efforts of disability rights activists, organizations, and advocates who work tirelessly to advance the rights, independence, and well-being of individuals with disabilities, and to create a more inclusive and accessible world for all; and

Whereas, recognizing the inherent dignity and worth of every individual is fundamental to creating a just and inclusive society; and

Whereas, Disability Pride Month provides an opportunity to educate the community about the barriers faced by disabled individuals and to promote greater accessibility and understanding; and

Whereas, celebrating Disability Pride Month reaffirms our commitment to ensuring that our city is a place where everyone, regardless of ability, can thrive and participate fully in all aspects of life;

Now, therefore, I, Elen Asatryan, Mayor of the City of Glendale, do hereby proclaim July as

Disability Pride Month

and I encourage all people in our community to join in celebrating the achievements of people with disabilities, recommit to working together to ensure people with disabilities have equal opportunity by eliminating discriminatory policies and practices, and through equity and accessibility.

Elen Asatryan, Mayor

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