



BERRIEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
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WHEREAS, on July 26, 1990, President George H. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities and established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, while increasing full participation in community life; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act was a critical milestone in the nation's civil rights history and 30 years later, its impact can be seen everywhere from our schools, to our hospitals, and to our businesses; and

WHEREAS, the full promise of the Americans with Disabilities Act will only be reached if public entities remain committed in their efforts to fully implement it; and

WHEREAS, on this, the 30TH anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, in collaboration with the Disability Network of Southwest Michigan, we celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED the Berrien County Board of Commissioners, on this, the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, does hereby reaffirm their commitment to full accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities in Berrien County.

**Respectfully,
The Berrien County Board of Commissioners**

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