

# THE CITY OF FARGO

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law by President George H.W. Bush on July 26, 1990, in the presence of more than 3,000 disability rights advocates; and

**WHEREAS**, when signing this landmark legislation, President Bush proclaimed the ADA to be "the world's first comprehensive declaration of the equality of people with disabilities," acknowledging their endowment with the same inalienable rights established in the Declaration of Independence; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADA has sought to ensure that people with disabilities are recognized and respected as equal citizens, including equal opportunities to access inclusive education, affordable housing and gainful employment, while fully participating in the recreational, social and leisure activities in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADA works to ensure that people with disabilities are free from discrimination, treated with respect and dignity, and move freely throughout the community, while living in the least restrictive environment; and

**WHEREAS**, our nation is stronger today because of the ADA and the contributions of persons with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor of Fargo, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2025 to be

### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT DAY**

in the City of Fargo and call upon the citizens to recognize and celebrate the 35th anniversary of the ADA in our community and urge continued efforts to uphold the rights of all individuals including those protected by the ADA.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fargo, North Dakota to be affixed this 21st day of July, 2025.



Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney

Mayor

Fargo, North Dakota