

City of Vancouver, Washington

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed on July 26, 1990 to ensure the civil rights of members of the disability community, the month of July provides an opportunity to recognize and honor that landmark event as well as the achievements and resilience of this large and diverse group; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver is home to the Washington State School for the Blind and Washington School for the Deaf as well as more than 20 thousand people with disabilities, encompassing individuals of all races, genders, ages, income levels, and backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS, local disability leaders, including veterans, youth, and elders with disabilities as well as caregivers and community organizers, have worked tirelessly to dismantle systemic ableism and make Vancouver more accessible, more inclusive, and more responsive to the lived experiences of disabled people; and
- WHEREAS, Vancouver is committed to listening to, learning from, and centering the voices of disabled people in our city planning, public services, and civic processes — recognizing that access is not a privilege, but a fundamental human right; and
- WHEREAS, Disability Pride Month is not only a celebration of disability identity and culture — it is also a call to action to confront ableism, eliminate barriers, and transform systems that continue to marginalize disabled people, particularly at the intersections of race, gender, poverty, and other forms of discrimination; and
- WHEREAS, we honor the legacy of the disability rights movement — from the 504 Sit-Ins to the fight for accessible transportation, housing, and education — and affirm that disability justice is a vital part of Vancouver's broader commitment to equity, inclusion, and human dignity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2025 as:

“ Disability Pride Month ”

in the City of Vancouver and I urge all community members to celebrate the vital contributions, leadership, and strength of the disability community; to examine and dismantle ableism in all its forms; and to work together toward a city where all people — of every ability — belong and thrive.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 7th day of July 2025.

Anne McEnerny-Ogle

ANNE McENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR