

City of Eureka

Proclamation



In recognition of
Disability Pride Month
July 2023

Whereas, July is the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which was passed by the U.S. Congress on July 26, 1990, to ensure the civil rights of citizens with disabilities, *and*

Whereas, the ADA prevents discrimination based on disability, requires that employers provide reasonable accommodations, is designed so that public accommodations meet accessibility requirements, and is recognized as one of the most important civil rights laws in history; *and*

Whereas, disability is an important part of normal human diversity, *and*

Whereas, Disability Pride enables people with disabilities to redefine unique and shared experiences as points of self-worth, serves as a tool to tackle structural challenges, bias, and discrimination, and reshapes false negative perceptions of individuals with disabilities as people with value, talents, and significance; *and*

Whereas, the Disability Rights Movement has a long history in California, nationally, and internationally, *and*

Whereas, Disability Pride Month is recognized and celebrated in many other cities, including San Francisco, Denver, Milwaukee and Brighton, *and*

Whereas, Eureka's second annual Disability Pride Fest is scheduled for July 22, 2023, *and*

Whereas, within the City of Eureka many organizations support and provide advocacy for persons with all different kinds of disabilities, as an expression of our commitment to inclusivity and to honoring the needs of every person, *and*

Now, therefore, I Mayor Kim Bergel, on behalf of the Eureka City Council, hereby proclaim that the month of July, 2023 as Disability Pride Month in Eureka!

Kim Bergel
Mayor
July 18, 2023