

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into law, establishing a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, although the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life, the full promise of the ADA will only be realized if we remain committed to continuing our efforts towards full implementation of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, in Santa Cruz County, the County Clerk/Elections Department has made great efforts over the years to ensure everyone's right to vote by establishing accessible polling locations and providing accessible voting systems to allow persons with disabilities to vote independently and privately; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee meets quarterly with the County Clerk's office to support the efforts of County elections officials to ensure access to voting for persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities, established in 1970 to improve access for people with physical disabilities in Santa Cruz County, was expanded after passage of the ADA to include all types of disabilities, including but not limited to mental and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County General Services Department has completed numerous ADA projects to ensure accessible election facilities, including completion this summer to remove travel barriers into the County Government Center so that it complies with the ADA; and

WHEREAS, July 26, 2015, marks the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and it is fitting to celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made by the County to reach full ADA compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Caput, Chairman of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby recognize the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act.



Greg Caput
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

July 29, 2015

Date