

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

A PROCLAMATION OF RECOMMITMENT
TO FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADA

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

WHEREAS, The ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life. However, the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if public entities remain committed in their efforts to fully implement the ADA; and

WHEREAS, Maryland Relay, best known as the nationwide model '7-1-1 public service' for Maryland citizenry who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities, provides 24 hour, 365 days a year access to specialized telephone services that provide customers functionally equivalent telephone relay services using 7-1-1 and other applicable toll-free numbers; and

WHEREAS, on the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made under the ADA by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA Compliance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Brenda Kelly-Frey, Director

on behalf of Maryland Relay

that we pause in our deliberations to recognize

the 20th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and

reaffirm our commitment to work toward full accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities,

On this, the 13th day of July, 2010.

City / State: Baltimore, Maryland

