Proclamation

Whereas, in July, people with disabilities and their supporters celebrate the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which was signed into law on July 26, 1990; and

Whereas, over 50 million people of all ages live with disabilities in communities throughout the United States; and

Whereas, the disability community has a critical interest in policies enacted at the local, state, and national levels that help integrate people with disabilities into our communities; and

Whereas, the disability community’s participation in influencing public policy is essential for these policies to meet the real needs of people with disabilities; and

Whereas, voting is one way for the disability community to exert their influence in local, state and national elections; and

Whereas, REV UP (Register! Educate! Vote! Use your Power!) America is a national effort to increase the political power of people with disabilities while engaging candidates and the media to recognize the disability community; and

Whereas, the Alameda League of Women Voters are partnering with the national disability rights community in organizing National Disability Voter Registration Week July 15-19, 2019.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, proclaim July 15 through 19, 2019 as

National Disability Voter Registration Week

in the City of Alameda, to support the growing involvement of the disability community in the political process.

Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Mayor