In recognition of the
25th Anniversary of the
Americans With Disabilities Act

Whereas, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Cleveland, I am honored to offer this Proclamation in recognition of the 25th Anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act; and,

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. On July 22, 2015, the City of Cleveland will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Signing of the ADA; and,

Whereas, the City of Cleveland along with many local ADA organizations work towards a future in which all the doors are open to equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, integration and economic self-sufficiency for persons with disabilities; and,

Whereas, over the past 25 years, 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 we remain committed to continue to fully implement the ADA; and,

Whereas, on the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Cleveland celebrates and recognizes the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recommitting efforts to reach full ADA compliance in the City of Cleveland.

Now therefore, I, Frank G. Jackson, the 56th Mayor of the City of Cleveland, do hereby recognize the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. I encourage all citizens to join me in celebrating this momentous occasion and to support opportunities that uphold the ADA by providing vast opportunity to those with disabilities.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Cleveland to be affixed on this 22nd day of July in the year 2015.

Mayor Frank G. Jackson