



PROCLAMATION



JULY 2021

WHEREAS, Disability Pride Month is celebrated nationally in the month of July; and

WHEREAS, this month was chosen to honor the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA); and

WHEREAS, it is important to take time this month to reflect on the disability rights movement and the progress that has been made; and

WHEREAS, the City of DeKalb recognizes that one of its greatest strengths is the diversity of its people; and

WHEREAS, the City of DeKalb believes in the dignity of all disabled individuals, supporting equity, and ensuring that acts of discrimination and hatred will not be tolerated; and

WHEREAS, disabled individuals contribute to our community's success and strength in a great number of ways of immeasurable ways; and

WHEREAS, disabled individuals continue to face discrimination for something out of their control and for being who they are, continue to be a target of violence and harassment and continue to persist through the efforts of the disabled community and the support of community agencies, businesses, and individual allies; and

WHEREAS, discrimination on the basis of disability is often compounded with discrimination based on race, sexual orientation and gender identity, immigration status, religion, and age, among others; and

WHEREAS, the City of DeKalb strives to lead in creating a community based on disability equity through its actions, laws, employees, and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the disability community invites the members of the DeKalb community to join them during the month of July in celebrating the persistence and achievements of the community.

Now, therefore, I, Cohen Barnes, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, do hereby proclaim July as Disability Pride Month in the City of DeKalb, and I encourage all people in our community to join in celebrating diversity, and promoting inclusion and equity, and I further encourage people to in eliminating discriminatory policies and practices toward any group of people.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb to be affixed this 26th day of July 2021.



COHEN BARNES, Mayor