



BOARD/COMMISSION Letter of Support

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities

Recommendation Number 20160708-03A Support designation of July 11 – July 15 as National Disability Voter Registration Week

WHEREAS in July 2015 people with disabilities and our supporters celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); AND

WHEREAS there are over 50 million people with disabilities of all ages living in communities throughout the United States; AND

WHEREAS the disability community has a critical interest in policies enacted at local, state and national levels that effect the integration of people with disabilities, young and old, into our communities; AND

WHEREAS getting the disability community involved in influencing public policies is essential if these policies are to meet the real needs of people with disabilities to live in the community; AND

WHEREAS voting is one way for the disability community to exert their influence at local, state and national elections; AND

WHEREAS there are multiple efforts to develop disability coalitions around the issue of voting; AND

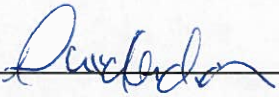
WHEREAS members of the national disability rights community are organizing a national Disability Voter Registration Week (DVRW) July 11<sup>th</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup>;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Austin Texas, Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, supports the growing involvement of the disability community in the political process, and supports designating the week of July 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> as National Disability Voter Registration Week.

Date of Approval: July 8, 2016

Record of the vote: Unanimous on an 8-0 vote

Attest: David G. Ondich, Staff Liaison to The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities



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(Staff or board member can sign)