



COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Mayor's Committee for People With Disabilities

Recommendation Number 20210827-002E: Designate Disability Voter Registration Week

WHEREAS in September people with disabilities and our supporters celebrate the 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 state disability coalitions around the issue of voting; AND

WHEREAS REV UP, "Register! Educate! Vote! Use your Power!" is a national effort to encourage state and local disability community voting coalitions; AND

WHEREAS members of national disability rights community are organizing a National Disability Voter Registration Week (NDVRW) September 13 to 20, 2021;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor's Committee for People With Disabilities recommends that the City of Austin supports the growing involvement of the disability community in the political process; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor's Committee for People With Disabilities recommends that the City of Austin designates September 13 to 20, 2021 as Disability Voter Registration Week in Austin.

Date of Approval: August 27, 2021

Record of the vote:

Attest: _____ *Jonathan Babiak*

Jonathan Babiak, Staff Liaison