



## **Disability Pride Month Proclamation**

**Whereas**, July is recognized as Disability Pride Month, a time to celebrate the achievements of individuals with disabilities and to promote inclusivity; and

**Whereas**, people with disabilities have played a vital role in shaping our communities, contributing their unique talents and enriching our society; and

**Whereas**, the disability rights movement has made significant strides in advancing the rights of individuals with disabilities, promoting access, representation, and equality; and

**Whereas**, it is essential to raise awareness and foster understanding, breaking down the barriers that still exist in our society; and

**Whereas**, this year's theme, "We Belong Here, and We're Here to Stay", delivers a powerful message communicating that people who experience disabilities are a vital part of every community. Not someday. Not conditionally. Now.; and

**Whereas**, the resilience and determination of individuals with disabilities serves as an inspiration to all, reminding us of the importance of perseverance and the power of diverse experiences in building a better society; and

**Whereas**, on July 26, 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act into law which guarantees that people with disabilities have the same rights as everyone else to enjoy employment opportunities, purchase goods and services, and participate in state and local government programs;

**Now, therefore**, I, Council Member Emily Baer on behalf of the Town of Erie Town Council, do hereby proclaim that Disability Pride Month be celebrated from July 1-31, 2025, and I ask all residents in the Town of Erie to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

**Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.**

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Andrew J. Moore, Mayor

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Debbie Stamp, Deputy Town Clerk