



Proclamation In Recognition of Disability Pride Month

Whereas, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed by Congress on July 26, 1990 to ensure basic civil rights for all people living with disabilities; and

Whereas, 1 out of every 4 Coloradans has a disability, and even though over 30 years have passed since the ADA, people with disabilities continue to receive inadequate access to government services, education, healthcare, and workforce opportunities; and

Whereas, disability is a multi-faceted identity, encompassing those with physical, cognitive, neurological, developmental, invisible, acquired, chronic, and device-assisted disabilities; and

Whereas, the 2024 theme of Disability Pride Month is “We Want a Life Like Yours” and urges every community to recognize that people with disabilities have gifts and aspirations that too often go ignored and unrealized due to ongoing systemic prejudice, ignorance, fear; and

Whereas, we strive to create spaces that are accepting and safe for those individuals and their families to thrive; and

Whereas, 11 percent of Colorado’s children have a disability and the Town of Erie is committed to ensuring children with disabilities grow-up in a community devoted to their education, rich and inclusive play experiences, opportunities to build life skills through adaptive sports, and with an ever-present hope that they one day become our future leaders; and

Whereas, the Town of Erie is dedicated to listening to the stories and experiences of people with disabilities so that we may build a town centered on inclusion and access for all; and

Now, therefore, I, Councilor Emily Baer, on behalf of the Mayor of the Town of Erie, Justin Brooks, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2024 as the Town of Erie’s Disability Pride Month and call on all residents to celebrate and uplift our diverse communities, building a vision of equity and belonging.

Dated this 25th day of June, 2024

Justin Brooks, Mayor

Attest:

Debbie Stamp, Town Clerk