



**IN HONOR OF THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

**WHEREAS,** On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** This legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** On July 26, 2015, we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the signing of the ADA; and

**WHEREAS,** The ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life; and

**WHEREAS,** The full promise of the ADA will only be reached if we remain committed to continue our efforts to fully implement the ADA.

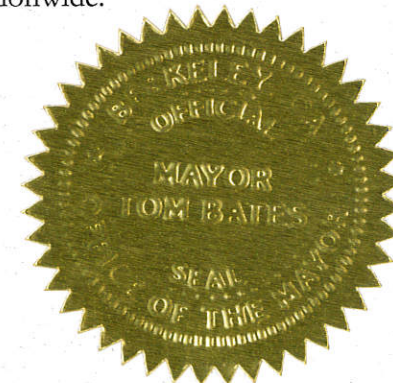
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, **Mayor Tom Bates**, Mayor of the City of Berkeley do hereby recognize the anniversary of the

**Americans with Disabilities Act**

and its importance not only in Berkeley, the home of the Independent Living Movement, but nationwide.



Tom Bates  
Mayor



June 30, 2015