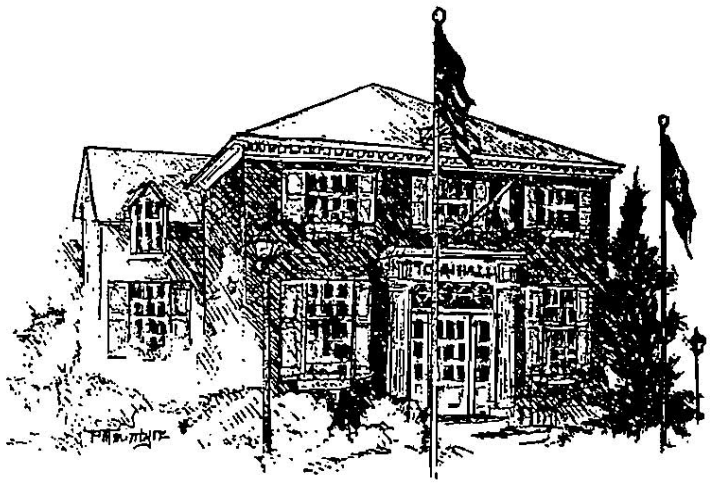


TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA
PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL DISABILITY INDEPENDENCE DAY
JULY 26, 2026

National Disability Independence Day, observed annually on July 26, commemorates the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act—legislation that affirms individuals with disabilities the right to full participation in American life. This achievement influenced how the nation recognizes, supports, and values individuals with disabilities, establishing a framework to expand access to economic, civic, and community opportunities.

National Disability Independence Day is both a recognition of progress and a reaffirmation of purpose. Accessibility is not limited to physical accommodations, such as ramps and elevators; it reflects a broader commitment to ensuring that all individuals can participate fully in community life, pursue independence, and contribute their talents and perspectives.

Through collaboration and planning, Herndon embraces each student, neighbor, and friend as a valued member in the community. Inclusive practices, thoughtful design, and equitable access to programs and services strengthen communities and create environments where everyone can thrive. In the Town of Herndon, we commit to provide accessible public spaces, inclusive programming, and services that support residents of all abilities.

Therefore, the Mayor of the Town of Herndon, together with the Herndon Town Council, hereby proclaims July 26, 2026, as **National Disability Independence Day** in the Town of Herndon; and encourages all community members to recognize the importance of accessibility, inclusion, and independence, and to continue advancing a community where everyone can participate fully and live with dignity and opportunity.