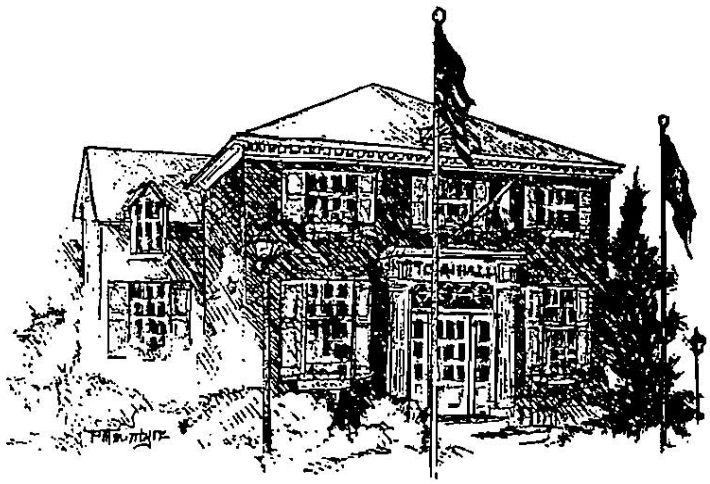


TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA
PROCLAMATION
Disability Pride Month
July 2025

Millions of Americans living with disabilities contribute to the strength, diversity, and resilience of our communities ~ including here in the Town of Herndon. **Disability Pride Month**, observed each July, honors the achievements, leadership, and daily contributions of individuals with disabilities, and reaffirms our shared commitment to equity, inclusion, and accessibility. This month also commemorates the landmark signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in July 1990, a pivotal moment in advancing access for people with disabilities.

More than one in four adults in the United States ~ over 70 million people ~ live with a disability. Individuals with disabilities face ongoing challenges related to discrimination, physical and social barriers, and access to resources. The Town of Herndon stands committed to ensuring that every resident, regardless of ability, can live, work, and thrive with dignity. Herndon is proud to support organizations, caregivers, advocates, and community leaders who work every day to advance access, opportunity, and understanding for those living with visible and invisible disabilities.

The Town of Herndon recognizes the importance of inclusive policies, accessible public spaces, and the celebration of diverse abilities in fostering a more inclusive and caring community. This year's theme, *"We Belong Here, and We're Here to Stay,"* is a powerful reminder that people with disabilities are not only part of our community, but they are the leaders, entrepreneurs, artists, workers, and neighbors, whose presence strengthens the fabric of Herndon. It affirms our collective responsibility to ensure that inclusion is more than a policy ~ it is practice, culture, and commitment.

Therefore, the Mayor of the Town of Herndon, together with the Herndon Town Council, hereby proclaims July 2025 as **Disability Pride Month** in the Town of Herndon. We encourage all residents to celebrate the contributions of people with disabilities and to work together toward a more inclusive and barrier-free community.