

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY,
GEORGIA TO DECLARING JULY AS DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH IN DEKALB
COUNTY, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, Disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the rights of individuals to live independently, make choices, pursue meaningful careers, and fully participate in society; and

WHEREAS, July marks the anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, landmark legislation that advanced the civil rights of individuals with disabilities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Disability Pride Month celebrates the strength, resilience, and contributions of people with disabilities to communities, culture, and public life; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with disabilities in DeKalb County contribute to the richness and diversity of the community, and deserve equity, access, and respect in every aspect of civic life; and

WHEREAS, Disability Pride fosters visibility, cultural pride, and unity among people with disabilities, while challenging ableism and stereotypes through education and celebration; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County is committed to building a fully inclusive community that recognizes the inherent dignity of every person, including those with physical, developmental, sensory, intellectual, and mental health disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, requests the following: that the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County hereby declares the month of July as Disability Pride Month in DeKalb County, Georgia, and encourages residents, government agencies, community organizations, and businesses to recognize and celebrate the contributions of people with disabilities and support ongoing efforts toward full inclusion and accessibility.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this 8th day of July, 2025.

MICHELLE LONG SPEARS
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer, this ____ day of ____, ____.

LORRAINE COCHRAN-JOHNSON
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

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