

City of Des Moines



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** ON JULY 26, 1990, PRESIDENT GEORGE H. BUSH SIGNED INTO LAW THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) TO ENSURE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. THIS LEGISLATION ESTABLISHED A CLEAR AND COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL MANDATE FOR THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; AND
- WHEREAS,** IN RESPONSE TO THE PASSAGE OF THE ADA AND TO HELP MAKE ITS FACILITIES MORE AVAILABLE TO ALL ITS CITIZENS, THE CITY OF DES MOINES HAS DILIGENTLY WORKED TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE CITY'S ADA TRANSITION PLAN; AND
- WHEREAS,** ON FEBRUARY 23, 2004, BY ROLL CALL NO. 04-393, THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED PHASE I OF THE CITY'S ADA TRANSITION PLAN WHICH PRIORITIZED THE FIRST FOURTEEN CITY FACILITIES AND SPACES TO BE MADE COMPLIANT; AND
- WHEREAS,** ON JULY 26, 2004, BY ROLL CALL NO. 04-1584, THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED PHASE II OF THE CITY'S ADA TRANSITION PLAN WHICH PRIORITIZED THE REMAINING CITY FACILITIES AND SPACES TO BE MADE COMPLIANT; AND
- WHEREAS,** ON NOVEMBER, 23, 2009, BY ROLL CALL NO. 09-2124, THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED PHASE III OF THE CITY'S ADA TRANSITION PLAN WHICH, FOLLOWING INVENTORY AND EVALUATION OF THOUSANDS OF CURB RAMPS WITHIN THE CITY BY CITY ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF DURING THE COURSE OF SEVERAL YEARS, PRIORITIZES CURB RAMP INSTALLATION OR REPLACEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ADA PRIORITIES, AND COORDINATES THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF CITY SIDEWALKS AND CURB RAMPS WITH THE VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES; AND
- WHEREAS,** PHASE I PROJECTS, AND MANY OF PHASE II PROJECTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, AND THE CITY, THROUGH ITS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, IS COMMITTED TO IMPLEMENT THE REMAINING PHASE II PROJECTS AND PHASE III OF THE ADA TRANSITION PLAN; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE ADA HAS EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES BY REDUCING BARRIERS AND CHANGING PERCEPTIONS, INCREASING FULL PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY LIFE. HOWEVER, FULL PROMISE OF THE ADA WILL ONLY BE REACHED IF PUBLIC ENTITIES REMAIN COMMITTED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE ADA; AND
- WHEREAS,** ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, WE THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA CELEBRATE AND RECOGNIZE THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE BY REAFFIRMING THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY AND INCLUSION AND RECOMMITTING OUR EFFORTS TO REACH ADA COMPLIANCE.

NOW THEREFORE, I, T.M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO WORK TOWARD ADA COMPLIANCE IN THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, TO BE AFFIXED THIS TENTH DAY OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND TEN.

**T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR
CITY OF DES MOINES**

