



**RECOGNIZING THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
EASY DOES IT EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**WHEREAS,** Easy Does It was founded by and for people with disabilities to ensure Berkeley seniors and persons with disabilities could live independently, in their own homes, at little cost to them. What began as a small Berkeley grassroots community of people with disabilities and their caregivers, volunteering their time to ensure no one experienced a lapse in care, has grown into a full-fledged Agency with a comprehensive Program offering 24/7 Emergency Attendant Care, Accessible Transportation, Wheelchair Repair, and free Wheelchair Rescue service; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Berkeley is known worldwide as the birthplace of the Independent Living Movement. In the early 1970s, Ed Roberts successfully fought to make the University of California's Berkeley campus accessible to himself and other students with disabilities--starting a movement that spread around the globe. Easy Does It was a natural outgrowth of this Independent Living movement and was incorporated in 1995 when Cecelia Weeks, a long-time advocate for Independent Living and Disability Rights, led a group of people with disabilities and their advocates in creating a nonprofit organization initially aimed at providing emergency backup attendant services.

**WHEREAS,** In 1998, City of Berkeley voters approved Measure E, authorizing a property tax to finance services for "severely physically disabled persons." To this day, Measure E remains EDI's principal sponsor, providing the majority of funding for our Emergency Services: Attendant Care, Equipment Repair, Accessible Transportation and Rescue Rides. Berkeley is the only city in the country to provide these services to its residents; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the years, EDI has expanded services to include Routine Transportation (through a contract with the City of Berkeley, Alameda County Measure B funds) and Wheelchair Rescue for people who are stranded due to a wheelchair or scooter breakdown (funded by Alameda County Transportation Commission, Measure B funds). EDI employs approximately 30 experienced and dedicated Team Members, including attendants, drivers, repair technicians and dispatchers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Adena Ishii, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby honor the work of Easy Does It in the City of Berkeley.**

Adena Ishii  
Mayor



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