



COMMEMORATING DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH 2025

- WHEREAS,** Disability Pride Month is observed every July to commemorate the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 1990, a landmark civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in all areas of public life; and
- WHEREAS,** Disability Pride Month highlights disability culture, history, and community pride, and challenges the harmful notion that people with disabilities must conform to societal norms to lead meaningful lives—their lives are inherently full, valuable, and worthy of dignity and respect; and
- WHEREAS,** the first Disability Pride Day was held in Boston in 1990, followed by the first Disability Pride Parade in Chicago in 2004, and today, celebrations take place across the country, empowering people with disabilities to take pride in who they are; and
- WHEREAS,** the theme for the 2025 Disability Pride Month, “We Belong Here, and We’re Here to Stay,” affirms that people with disabilities are a vital, permanent, and irreplaceable part of every community—not someday, not conditionally, but now; and
- WHEREAS,** as disability rights face growing threats in education, employment, healthcare, and public life, this year’s theme serves as a call to action to confront and dismantle ableism, discrimination, and exclusion; and
- WHEREAS,** the Center for Independent Living (CIL), founded in Berkeley, California, and led by and for people with disabilities, has been a pioneering force in advancing disability rights, accessibility, advocacy, and inclusion since its founding; and

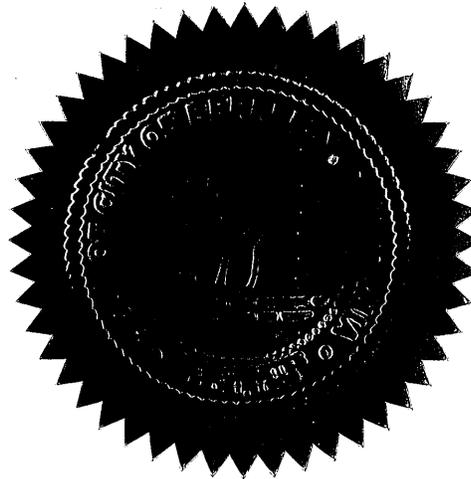
WHEREAS, CIL empowers individuals with diverse disabilities—through its staff, board, providers, and participants—and remains deeply committed to fostering a community where all people with disabilities can live with autonomy, dignity, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, by honoring the lived experiences of disabled individuals and championing systemic change, CIL continues to break down barriers, challenge stereotypes, and fight for a future where disability rights are protected, valued, and expanded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Adena Ishii, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby proclaim July 2025 as Disability Pride Month, and recognize and commend the Center for Independent Living for its extraordinary leadership, enduring advocacy, and unwavering commitment to disability justice, equity, and inclusion in Berkeley and beyond.



Adena Ishii
Mayor



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