

Resolution
County of El Paso, Texas

Whereas, as long as more advances are developed in medicine and technology, more and more individuals will survive War, Catastrophic Illness, Complicated Births, Life Threatening Accidents, and the recent Pandemic, and survive with a disability;

Whereas, the human and civil rights of the County residents with disabilities continue to be at risk by those that do not understand the value of equal access and equal rights.

Whereas, the County of El Paso supports an ADA Coordinator, who work closely with the County's commitment to El Pasoans with Disabilities; and

Whereas; with the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act on July 26, 1990, President George H. W. Bush declared our national commitment to providing persons with disabilities equal access and opportunity to participate in the mainstream of American life;

Whereas, June 22, 2021 was the 22nd Anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling on *Olmstead v. L.C.* acknowledging that the unjustified institutional isolation of people with disabilities is a form of unlawful discrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);

Whereas, almost 500 county residents with disabilities are assisted by Volar CIL every year;

Whereas, the County of El Paso collaborates with the Volar Center for Independent Living (CIL) to have a community more inclusive and free of physical and social barriers by developing and promoting integrated, employment, service delivery, affordable and accessible housing;

Whereas, the Judge and Commissioners commit to re-examine its plan for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and will strive to ensure that the plan addresses all programs, policies, procedures, and facilities of the County of El Paso;

Whereas, the Judge and Commissioners commit to re-examine its Policies and Comprehensive Compliance Plan and will strive to promote that the County of El Paso is free of said impediments;

Now, therefore, the Judge and Commissioners, in recognition of the 31st anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, do hereby proclaim July __2021, as

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ENFORCEMENT DAY

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
caused to official seal of the County of El Paso to be affixed
the ____ day of July, A. D., 2021

County Judge
Ricardo A. Samaniego