MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 62

Offered by Senators McCann, Wojno, Klinefelt, Chang, Cavanagh, McMorrow, Bayer, Moss, Polehanki, Santana and Webber

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

WHEREAS, On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act, a civil rights law which prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 35th anniversary of the ADA, a landmark federal law that protects the rights of people with disabilities by eliminating barriers to their participation in many aspects of living and working in our country and our state; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated by the United States Census Bureau that nearly one in four, or 70 million, adults live with a disability in America; and

WHEREAS, The ADA helped to break down barriers that prevented opportunities for people with disabilities to live and work in their communities and participate fully in our economy and democracy; and

WHEREAS, The ADA ensures fairness for all in many areas of public life including jobs, schools, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, Every individual deserves respect, access, and equal opportunity; and

WHEREAS, America and the state of Michigan are strong because of the contributions of all of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, We recognize that our work to uphold the spirit and the letter of the ADA is not yet finished; and

WHEREAS, We must continue to work together to build a society in which differences are embraced, opportunities are made equally available, and one that will leave no person behind; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 35th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and he it further

RESOLVED, That we hold the highest regard for everyone who contributed to the enactment of the ADA and those who continue to uphold its principles. We urge all Michigan residents to acknowledge and celebrate this occasion.

Adopted by the Senate, June 25, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate