



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

July 31, 2000

COUNCILLOR DAVIS
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MAYOR GALLUCCIO
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COUNCILLOR REEVES
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COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: July 26, 2000 is the 10th Anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

WHEREAS: The ADA is the most significant Civil Rights legislation since the 1960's; and

WHEREAS: Year 2000 also marks the 25th Anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); and

WHEREAS: Both the ADA and the IDEA mandate concrete steps and continued progress toward the goals of equality of opportunity, full participation and economic self-sufficiency for all citizens with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) has organized a "Spirit of the ADA" Torch Relay which began in Houston on June 11, 2000 and will culminate in New York on August 7, 2000 with a Boston-area stop and celebrations on August 3, 2000; and

WHEREAS: The August 3 Torch Relay will commence at 9:00 a.m. at Paul Revere Park in the North End and will proceed through Boston across the Charles River to enter Cambridge sometime between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; the torch will be carried along Memorial Drive for boat transport from the B.U. Boathouse to the Weld Boathouse; and

WHEREAS: This torch relay and the related events in honor of the ADA and IDEA anniversaries celebrate the enactment of these extremely important laws, recognize the achievements and contributions of persons with disabilities and the improvements in access and inclusion under these laws, and remind us of how much work yet remains; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby renews Cambridge's commitment to the ADA and IDEA goals of equality of opportunity, full participation and economic self-sufficiency for all citizens with disabilities; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities on behalf of the entire City Council.

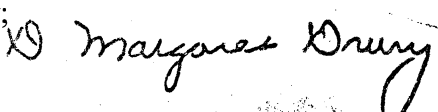
In City Council July 31, 2000.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-


D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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ADA/IDEA Anniversary Schedule

Sheehy Jennifer, sheehy-jennifer@dol.gov, writes:

AS TORCH RELAY TRAVERSES AMERICA, DISABILITY ORGANIZATIONS PLAN
WASHINGTON FOCUS ON 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ADA, 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF
IDEA JULY 25-26

MEDIA ADVISORY

FOR RELEASE: Friday, July 14, 2000

Contact: Jennifer Sheehy
Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities
202/693-4940

WASHINGTON, DC - As the torch symbolizing the Spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act makes its way across the United States en route to Washington, D.C. July 25th, a coalition of disability rights organizations announced more dynamic events for the two-day D.C. celebration.

The Torch Relay took off on June 11 in Houston. A coalition of national and local organizations intends to highlight the ADA's 10th Anniversary (on July 26th) and the 25th Anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) with ceremonies in D.C. before the torch leaves town. The torch will reach its final destination in New York City on August 6 and 7. The two-day D.C. celebration includes events on Capitol Hill, the FDR Memorial, Gallaudet University, Union Station and the Endependence Center of Northern Virginia.

The "Spirit of ADA" Torch Relay, spearheaded by the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), travels through 24 U.S. cities and commemorates the two important anniversaries. The relay's 'Renew the Pledge' theme was adopted by the organizations in an effort to galvanize support for the goals of the ADA and IDEA by renewing America's commitment to equality of opportunity, full participation and economic self-sufficiency for all citizens with disabilities. Former President George Bush, who signed the ADA into law, lit the torch during a formal kickoff ceremony in Houston in February.

"The ADA is the most significant Civil Rights legislation since the 1960s," said Becky Ogle, Task Force Executive Director. "It benefits not only those with disabilities but all Americans, and we invite everyone to participate in the celebration."

To assist media in covering these historic anniversaries, the Task Force will serve as a resource for information. Contact Jennifer Sheehy at (202) 693-4940, (202) 693-4920 TTY for the following:

- * Briefing information on the ADA and IDEA
- * Local/national personal stories of individuals with disabilities who have benefited from the ADA *
- * Leading statistics on disability and employment *
- * Press logistics and details about the anniversary events

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED EVENTS**:

July 25th, 2000:

9:00 AM to 9:30 AM - The torch arrives at the Endependence Center of Northern Virginia from South Carolina. The torch hand-off is followed by a press conference and a tour of the Center (3100 Clarendon Boulevard, Arlington) with the theme of Universal Design. Contact: Michael Cooper, (703) 525-3268, (703) 525-3553 TTY.

11:00 AM to 11:30 AM - Following the press conference, the torch will be taken from the Center to the Lincoln Memorial where a group of children and young people with and without disabilities will carry it to the FDR Memorial. Contact: Jennifer Sheehy, (202) 693-4940, (202) 693-4920 TTY.

9:30 AM to 12 PM - FDR Memorial - Official D.C. event welcoming the torch and the youth. The theme, "Honoring the Heroes, Celebrating the Future" is a tribute to those whose visionary work secured the passage of the ADA and to the youth leaders who will continue to advocate for implementation of the ADA. Organized by the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities and the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD). Tony Coelho, Vice-Chairman of the Task Force and Chairman of the President's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities, will emcee. Speakers include congressional, corporate and disability community leaders. Mayor Tony Williams has been invited. Contact: Jennifer Sheehy, (202) 693-4940, (202) 693-4920 TTY.

11:30 PM to 2 PM - The National Council on Disability will host a lunch honoring the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights at the Marriott Metro Center. Contact: Mark Quigley, (202) 272-2004, (202) 272-2074 TTY.

3 PM to 6 PM - Gallaudet University: live outdoor entertainment by mixed ability performers and a free family cook-out. The Spirit of ADA Torch

Relay will visit the historic campus during the festivities and ADA heroes, including I. King Jordan, the first deaf president of a university will address the crowd. Contact: Mercy Coogan, (202) 651-5727 TTY and voice.

5 PM to 7 PM - National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) annual conference is kicked off at the Renaissance Hotel (999 9th St., NW) where the torch will be presented to Sen. Tom Harkin cosponsor of the ADA. Contact: Marcie Roth, (703) 525-3406, and (703) 525-4153, TTY.

9 PM to 10:30PM - Candlelight vigil at the Renaissance Hotel with the torch hosted by emerging youth leaders with disabilities. Contact: Bobby Coward, (202) 397-1668.

July 26th, 2000:

11 AM - March from Lafayette Park to the west face of the Capitol organized by NCIL. Signed pledges by elected officials to renew the commitment to ADA and IDEA collected from across the country will be delivered to congressional members. Contact: Marcie Roth, (703) 525-3406.

8 PM to Midnight - Black tie gala organized by AAPD, the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF) and NCIL, to be held at Union Station, with live and silent auctions, dancing and buffet. Contact: Natalie Shear & Associates, (202) 833-4456 TTY and voice.

Volkswagen of America is the title sponsor of the torch relay. National sponsors include the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities, the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, Accesslife.com, Microsoft, Continental Airlines, and the Shepherd Center. Local events are made possible by major support from American Association of People with Disabilities, Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, Gallaudet University, National Council on Independent Living, the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities, Verizon Communications and VSA arts with generous support from American Public Transportation Association, Endependence Center of Northern Virginia, Fore All!, In Memory of Evan J. Kemp, Jr., Paralyzed Veterans of America, United Cerebral Palsy Association, and Visual Language Interpreting.

"Spirit of ADA" Torch Relay Schedule

1. June 11th.....Houston
2. June 13th.....Austin, TX
3. June 17th.....San Francisco, CA
4. June 19th.....Los Angeles, CA
5. June 21st.....Phoenix, AZ
6. June 24th.....Salt Lake City, UT
7. June 27th.....Denver, CO
8. June 30th.....Topeka, KS
9. July 4th.....St. Louis, MO
10. July 7th.....Madison, WI
11. July 9th.....Chicago, IL
12. July 11th.....Memphis, TN
13. July 13th.....Jackson, MS
14. July 15th.....Montgomery, AL
15. July 17th.....Tallahassee, FL
16. July 19th.....Warm Springs, GA
17. July 20-21st....Atlanta, GA
18. July 22nd.....Columbia, SC
19. July 25th.....Arlington, VA
20. July 26th.....Washington, DC
21. July 29th.....Philadelphia, PA
22. July 31st.....Auburn Hills/Detroit MI
23. August 3rd....Boston, MA
24. August 6-7th..New York

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Fred Fay

Chair, Justice For All

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Register to Vote Online at: <http://www.fec.gov/votregis/vr.htm>

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The goals of the Spirit of ADA Torch Relay are to:

Reinforce support for the goals of the ADA and IDEA by renewing America's commitment to equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities;

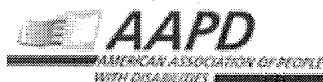
Bring attention to the achievements and contributions of children and adults with disabilities;

Increase relationships, partnerships, and coalitions between people with disabilities, their family members and friends, and the broader communities where they live;

Highlight the importance of continuing on the path to building accessible, inclusive integrated communities where children and adults with disabilities have the same opportunities and choices that are often taken for granted by people in the broader society.

The Key Messages of the Spirit of ADA Torch Relay include:

- Progress has been made since the ADA (1990) and IDEA (1975) were enacted, but there is still more work to do before "liberty and justice for all" become the reality for all Americans with disabilities.
- The Spirit of ADA Torch Relay is asking that Americans renew the pledge made when ADA and IDEA were enacted so that the 21st century will witness the elimination of all barriers that continue to limit the opportunities available to people with disabilities in American society.
- Everyone counts. America needs to harness the potential of all of its citizens to contribute so that our economy can continue to grow, our labor force can meet the challenges on the horizon, and we can continue to be a model of diversity for the world to follow. As President Franklin Roosevelt has said, "No citizen, no matter how poor, can afford the waste of its human resources."
- When we build in access for people with disabilities, we facilitate access for everyone. For example, curb cuts and elevators, captioning in a noisy environment, books on tape, and accessible websites.
- All of us, both in America and throughout the world, have benefitted from the achievements and contributions of people with disabilities. Landmark civil rights laws like the ADA and IDEA make it more likely that America will be able to live up to the promise of "liberty and justice for all."
- Disability is a natural part of the human experience, and in no way should it limit a person's ability to make choices, pursue meaningful careers, or participate fully in all aspects of life.



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July 6, 2000
To: Colleagues
From: Kathy Gips
New England ADA Technical Assistance Center

Thought some of you would enjoy this.

>White House Proclamation on Spirit of the ADA Month

>Contact: White House Press Office, 202-456-2580

>http://www.usnewswire.com/topnews/Current_Releases/0701-111.html

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>WASHINGTON, July 1 /U.S. Newswire/ -- The following was released today
>by the White House:

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>SPIRIT OF THE ADA MONTH, 2000

>BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

>A PROCLAMATION

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>The enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 10 years ago
>this month signaled a transformation in our Nation's public policies
>toward people with disabilities. America is now a dramatically
>different -- and better -- country because of the ADA.

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>In the last 10 years, we have worked hard to eliminate harmful
>stereotypes and have grown to understand disability as a natural part
>of the human experience. We are taking steps, such as renovating and
>constructing public accommodations to make them fully accessible, to
>ensure that people with disabilities are fully integrated into our
>communities and workplaces. And we have come to appreciate that people
>with disabilities are a key element -- and an untapped resource -- in
>sustaining our Nation's historic economic growth.

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>Throughout our Administration, Vice President Gore and I have worked
>hard to achieve the ADA's core goals -- equality of opportunity, full
>participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency. Our
>administration has vigorously defended the ADA in court cases across
>the Nation; we are collaborating with State Medicaid directors to
>implement the Supreme Court's 1999 Olmstead decision, which prohibits
>unjustified isolation of institutionalized persons with disabilities;
>we helped ensure that 80 percent of America's public transit buses are
>now accessible; we are implementing the Ticket to Work and Work
>Incentives Improvement Act, which I proudly signed into law last
>December; we have worked closely with schools and colleges to improve
>the enrollment, retention, and graduation of students with
>disabilities; and my Task Force on Employment of Adults with
>Disabilities is developing far-reaching policies for a comprehensive,
>coordinated employment agenda.

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>We still have much to accomplish. Because the many barriers
>confronting people with disabilities took generations to develop,

>breaking them down requires consistent, coordinated, and farsighted
>effort. We must work aggressively to increase the employment rates of
>people with disabilities by attacking a range of work disincentives,
>including barriers to education, health care, technology, housing, and
>transportation. We must provide real choices for people with
>disabilities to live and work in their communities with the necessary
>services and supports. And we must be vigilant in protecting the rights
>we have secured through decades of legal activism. I am encouraged that
>the first 10 years of the ADA's life have provided us with a solid
>foundation for meeting these challenges.

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>To mark the ADA's 10th anniversary and the 25th anniversary of the
>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the American
>Association of People with Disabilities has organized a nationwide
>"Spirit of ADA" Torch Relay. Twenty-four cities from coast to coast are
>hosting official relay events, and hundreds of communities are
>organizing additional local events as part of this national
>celebration. The Spirit of ADA's organizing theme is "Renew the Pledge"
>to encourage individuals, organizations, and government entities to
>reaffirm their commitment to the principles of the ADA and IDEA. Vice
>President Gore and I are proud to join in the celebration and to renew
>our own pledge to help advance the cause of disability rights.

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>Promoting disability rights not only improves the lives of the 54
>million Americans with disabilities, it improves
>all of our lives. As President Franklin Roosevelt recognized more than
>60 years ago, in words that are now inscribed on the FDR Memorial in
>our Nation's capital: "No Country, however rich, can afford the waste
>of its human resources."

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>NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States
>of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution
>and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim July 2000 as Spirit
>of the ADA Month, 2000. I urge government officials, business people,
>community leaders, educators, and all the people of the United States,
>to celebrate the contributions people with disabilities have made, and
>continue to make, to the progress and prosperity of our Nation, and to
>renew our commitment to upholding the nondiscrimination principles of
>the ADA and IDEA.

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>IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of
>July, in the year of our Lord two thousand, and of the Independence of

>the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-fourth.

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• >WILLIAM J. CLINTON

Backup

From: MMuehe@CI.Cambridge.MA.US (Michael Muehe)
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Dear Ini and Margaret:

Since both of you had recently asked what's happening in Cambridge around the 10th Anniversary of the ADA, I wanted to let you know that the route for the "Spirit of ADA" Torch Relay on Thursday, August 3rd has been changed to include parts of Memorial Drive in Cambridge. The route taken by the torchbearers will enter Cambridge at the Harvard (Mass Ave) Bridge sometime between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (see full route details below). Perhaps we should notify Cambridge Police and Traffic & Parking (even though the route is within the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan District Commission)? I can fax you a copy of the new route map. Here is the plan to-date:

9 a.m. - gather at Paul Revere Park in Boston's North End. Torch will be lit from lamp at Old North Church.

Moves down Hanover, under Central Artery to Faneuil Hall - gather at Sam Adams statue.

Along Tremont Street to Action for Boston Community Development and then through the South End to Harriet Tubman Park & Settlement House.

Along Berkeley St. past Boston Center for Independent Living and then along Massachusetts Ave. across the Charles River to Memorial Drive.

Along Memorial Drive to the yellow B.U. Boathouse (near the B.U. Bridge). Here the torchbearers will go by boat up the Charles River to the Weld Boathouse.

Disembarking at Weld Boathouse, the torchbearers move back on land, into Allston along North Harvard Street, past the VW Dealer and then along Western Ave. to WGBH where there will be demonstration of technology developed by the WGBH Caption Center.

Across the Western Avenue Bridge back to Memorial Drive where handcyclists -- including some who have been carrying another torch from Mt. Washington through N.H. -- will carry it to the Navy Yard in Charleston. Senator Kerry may be speaking to the gathering at the U.S.S. Constitution.

The torch will be ferried from the U.S.S. Constitution by Capt. Foster and his son (who has a disability) to the J.F.K. Library.

3:30 p.m. - Reception at the J.F.K. Library for participants. Sen. Kennedy and Paul Miller, Dir. of EEOC will be the honored guests. (The reception is limited to 300; attendees must RSVP. First preference will be given to torchbearers and volunteers.)

===== Michael Muehe Executive Director / ADA Coordinator
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"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing." -- Helen Keller



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Resolution #69

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Councillor Davis

In City Council July 31, 2000

ORDER ADOPTED