



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, people with disabilities have the right to fully participate in all aspects of community life, including exercising their right to vote, making choices about their own lives, living and receiving services in the community, pursuing employment and education, and participating in civic and public life; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey affirms the civil rights of people with disabilities and recognizes the importance of removing barriers that limit choice, independence, opportunity, community integration, and full participation; and

WHEREAS, disability rights are civil rights, and people with disabilities must have equal opportunities to participate in the decisions, policies, and systems that affect their lives and their communities; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey recognizes the important role of Centers for Independent Living in advancing the rights, independence, choice, and community participation of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Human Services is also home to the Division of Disability Services, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and the Division of Developmental Disabilities, all of which serve as supports and resources for people with disabilities and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mikie Sherrill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

OCTOBER 5, 2026
AS
DISABILITY RIGHTS DAY

in the Garden State and call upon all New Jerseyans to reaffirm that disability rights are civil rights and to support the full participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-eighth day of September in the year two thousand twenty-six, the two hundred fifty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

Mikie Sherrill
GOVERNOR