

City of Rochester



WHEREAS, inspired by the United Nations Enable Day, this Rochester celebration aims to promote and showcase our local disability community through education, art, and performance; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3rd was proclaimed in 1992 by a United Nations General Assembly resolution. The observance of the Day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights, and well-being of persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, nearly one in four people have a disability, and people with disabilities make tremendous contributions to Rochester's art, culture, economy, and community; and

WHEREAS, people with disabilities are valued and vibrant members of our Rochester community; and

WHEREAS, people with disabilities are diverse and have intersectional identities, as well as sharing a community and culture that is built around their lived experiences; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial for governments, public and private sectors to collaboratively find innovative solutions for and with persons with disabilities to make the world a more accessible and equitable place.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Kim Norton, Mayor of the City of Rochester, do hereby proclaim Thursday, December 1, 2022 as

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

in Rochester, Minnesota and call upon our citizens to champion the inclusion of people with disabilities so they have the opportunity to live close to their families and friends, live more independently, engage in productive employment and participate in community life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the City of Rochester to be affixed this 1st day of December, 2022.

Kim Norton, Mayor