

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2015

A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

WHEREAS, the Village of Stickney (the “Village”) is a home rule municipal corporation in accordance with Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Village has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs, and to review, interpret and amend its ordinances, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1 in 5 residents of the United States have a disability; and

WHEREAS, the population of people with disabilities is increasing among all age groups; and

WHEREAS, people with disabilities are more likely to be disadvantaged socially, vocationally, economically and educationally; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (the “ADA”) was signed into law on July 26, 1990 by President George H. W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to pause and celebrate the ADA as a wide ranging and landmark piece of civil rights legislation that prohibits discrimination based on disability; and

WHEREAS, in enacting the ADA, Congress recognized that persons with disabilities have a history of being subjected to unequal treatment, and that the nation’s goals regarding individuals with disabilities are to assure equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, and increasing full inclusion in community life; and

WHEREAS, despite the great strides that people with disabilities have made as a result of the ADA, barriers remain; and

WHEREAS, the goal in recognizing the 25-year anniversary of the adoption of the ADA is to foster public recognition that disability is a natural part of the human experience and expand opportunities for people with disabilities to participate fully in civic, social and economic life of the nation, our state and our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION 1: RECITALS. The facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2: SUPPORT FOR ADA. The Village President (the “President”) and the Board of Trustees of the Village (the “Village Board” and with the President, the “Corporate

Authorities”) hereby find that the most effective way in which to celebrate this milestone 25-year anniversary of the Americans with Disability Act is to reaffirm our opposition to discrimination based on disability and to strive to promote full implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Corporate Authorities further encourage the reduction of stigma and discrimination against people with disabilities through education and training. The Corporate Authorities hereby state their support for the pursuit of programs to ensure that the spirit and founding provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act are maintained, implemented and enforced, as there is no higher calling than to recognize the dignity and worth of all people.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

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PASSED this 18th day of August, 2015.

AYES: Trustees Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTION:

APPROVED by me this 18th day of August, 2015.

Deborah Morelli, President

**ATTESTED AND FILED in my
office this 19th day of
August, 2015.**

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk