

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION Self-Advocacy & Leadership

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Legislative Advocacy Training – Teri Tibbett



Advocates

Advocacy 101: Tips for Telling Your Story and Making Your 'Ask'

Trainer, Teri Tibbett teri@akadvocates.net

- 5 council members
- 2 council staff
- 2 SILC staff



In honor of the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Governor of the state of Alaska writes this proclamation in language that is more accessible to all.

July 26 is the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. July 26 is a time to see and appreciate the successes of people with disabilities. The anniversary is also a time to encourage acceptance and understanding of disability as a part of human differences.

This month gives a time to look back on the disability rights movement and the progress that has been made.

People with disabilities play a large role in Alaska. People with disabilities bring unique views, talents, and experiences that improve our society.

Alaska values its diverse population as a great strength.

Alaska will uphold the dignity of all people with disabilities. Alaska will promote fairness and condemn discrimination and prejudice.

People with disabilities give to our community in in varied and meaningful ways.

Alaska plans to be a leader that values disability equity through its actions, laws, employees, and laws.

The disability community invites all Alaskans to celebrate their perseverance and accomplishments during the month of July.

I, Mike Dunleavy, now proclaim July 26 as Americans with Disabilities Act Celebration in the State of Alaska. I encourage everyone in Alaska to embrace diversity, promote inclusion and fairness. As well as work towards eliminating discriminatory policies and practices against any group of people.

Request for Americans with Disabilities Act Proclamation:

Activities:

- Full Lives Conference April 2025
- Sponsoring Council members and Staff registration
- Staff on planning committee
- Booth



- Shared Vision 2.0
 Workgroup
- Staff and council members on workgroups

Upcoming Activities / Events (cont.)



- Next SA & L meeting:
 - o June 12th 11am-12:30pm
- Disability Pride Anchorage:
 - GCDSE Booth
 - Shared Vision T-shirts
 - ASL interpreters
 - July 26th , 2025
- New Self-Advocacy Panel Presentation: Advancing Advocacy – to start in summer/fall 2025!
- Disability and Aging Summit:
 - October 14 and 15, 2025

Questions?

