



**King County**

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# PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, on July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law, a landmark moment which established civil rights for people with disabilities and required basic accessibility throughout society; and

**WHEREAS**, the disability rights movement was born of urgent necessity and courage, and led by activists who took personal risks to demand change, including the 1990 Capitol Crawl, when dozens ascended the U.S. Capitol steps without mobility aids, illustrating the concept of "Nothing About Us Without Us" a call to center people with disabilities in every decision that affects their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, people with visible, invisible, intellectual, sensory, psychiatric, developmental, and chronic health disabilities live at the intersection of multiple identities including race, gender, income, sexual orientation, and immigration status – their experiences are shaped not only by these identities, but by how society chooses to include or exclude them; and

**WHEREAS**, King County recognizes that the Americans with Disabilities Act benefits more than individuals who are born with a disability, have a temporary disability, or who gain one through a life event, but also those who are aging, pregnant, d/Deaf, experiencing substance use disorder, and pursuing recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, Disability Pride Month celebrates the resilience and activism of disabled people while reaffirming King County's promise to eliminate barriers, expand opportunity, and build communities in which all people can thrive with dignity.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Shannon Braddock, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2025 to be

## **Disability Pride Day**

in King County and invite all residents to celebrate contributions of people with disabilities and to recommit to the principles of justice, equity, and "Nothing About Us Without Us."



Shannon Braddock  
King County Executive