



A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JULY AS DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of New Albany is proud to be home to individuals with disabilities - vital members of our community who enrich our schools, businesses, arts, leadership, and daily life; and

WHEREAS, July marks the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, a landmark civil rights law affirming the rights of individuals with disabilities to access public spaces, services, and opportunities without discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Disability Pride Month celebrates the strength, resilience, and achievements of individuals with disabilities, while encouraging communities to break barriers, challenge stigma, and promote accessibility and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, New Albany has strengthened accessibility through initiatives like the IDEA Implementation Panel, ADA-compliant infrastructure upgrades, accessible parks, community listening sessions, and the launch of the Miracle League of New Albany; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and appreciate the work of disability rights activists, organizations, and advocates advancing the rights, independence, and well-being of individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the city remains committed to creating accessible and inclusive public spaces, services, and opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Disability Pride Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness, challenge stereotypes, and advance accessibility, inclusion, and respect for all.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor of the City of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, on behalf of Council and the residents of New Albany, do hereby declare July as **DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH** and encourage all residents to celebrate the contributions, achievements, and strength of individuals with disabilities, and to continue advancing accessibility and inclusion throughout our community.

WHEREBY, I set my hand and seal this 15th day of July, 2025.

A green ink signature of Sloan T. Spalding, written in a cursive style.

Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor

