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Americans with Disabilities Act Anniversary Observed

Leonardtown, MD – It was on July 26, 1990 when President George H. W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into law. The law was designed to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities

The legislation, deemed one of the most compassionate and successful civil rights laws in American history, established a clear and comprehensive mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities. It has sought to ensure they are respected as equal citizens with equal opportunities. Each year the commissioners of St. Mary's County pay tribute to the Act with a special proclamation ceremony.

“On the 27th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made,” said Commissioner Todd Morgan (4th District). “We reaffirm the principles of equality and inclusion and recommit our efforts to reach full ADA compliance.”

In commemoration of the Act's 27th anniversary, commissioners encourage public officials, business leaders, people with disabilities and all St. Mary's County citizens to pursue the ADA's promise of equal opportunity and to celebrate the freedom it has brought to our way of life.

*Media outlets are free to use photos from the ceremony – which can be downloaded from the county's photo page at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/stmaryscountygovernment/sets/>. Outlets publishing photos from the photo page are asked to courtesy the “**St. Mary's County Public Information Office.**”*

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