

SENATE RESOLUTION

8690

By Senators Randall, Takko, Stanford, Nguyen, Cleveland, Hunt, Wilson, C., Sheldon, Liias, and Short

1 WHEREAS, National protections were written into law thirty years
2 ago, while the origin of advocacy for persons with disabilities began
3 as early as 1936 when a grass roots organization of parents from all
4 over Washington state formed; and

5 WHEREAS, Nearly a quarter of Washingtonians live with some type
6 of disability and rely on such protections every day; and

7 WHEREAS, Advocates with disabilities, their families, and allies
8 taught the nation that disability is a part of human existence and
9 developed the rallying cry "nothing about us without us"; and

10 WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act was the first
11 monumental piece of civil rights legislation for persons with
12 disabilities; and

13 WHEREAS, This was the accomplishment of self-advocates, their
14 families, and allies of all races, ethnicities, creeds, genders,
15 abilities, and sexual orientations; and

16 WHEREAS, The ADA provided an encompassing definition of
17 disability, which contends that disability is not a barrier to an
18 individual's participation in society; and

19 WHEREAS, Washington state is still working to ensure that all
20 persons with disabilities have equal opportunities and access to
21 participate fully in our society; and

22 WHEREAS, The ADA has been an instrumental tool for advocates with
23 disabilities and families to address such barriers; and

1 WHEREAS, We remain committed to working alongside advocates
2 with disabilities and their families to address the barriers to
3 equal opportunity and participation in society;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
5 Senate commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the Americans
6 with Disabilities Act, which was the result of persistent
7 efforts of self-advocates, their families, and allies from the
8 disability community, but that it is only the beginning of our
9 work.

10 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
11 do hereby certify that this is a true and
12 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8690,
13 adopted by the Senate
14 February 24, 2020

15 BRAD HENDRICKSON
16 Secretary of the Senate