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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, disability is part of the human experience, and

WHEREAS, there is diversity in disability, as there are individuals with physical, intellectual, developmental, emotional, invisible, acquired, chronic, device assisted and other disabilities, and

WHEREAS, persons with disabilities have always made significant contributions to Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, 11.8% of Tompkins County residents were identified as having a disability between 2018-2022, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County is committed to "ensuring that all County provided programs, services and activities provide reasonable accessibility for individuals with disabilities, as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Acts (ADA)", and

WHEREAS, The Tompkins County disability community, undergirded by the ADA, continues to demand equity, inclusion and full participation in our County and American society as a matter of simple justice, and

WHEREAS, Our community is compelled to join the differently abled in their pursuit of justice and acknowledge the reality of the disabled experience, which strengthens and enriches our community, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County celebrates the gifts, experiences and contributions of the disabled community and is committed to creating inclusive community, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tompkins County Legislature does hereby proclaim the month of July 2024, as

DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH

in Tompkins County, and together with our entire community, we celebrate and honor every single person's unique needs, strengths, and value, and we strive to dismantle all barriers to inclusive access for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Dan Klein, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of Tompkins County, State of New York, on this the 16th day of July 2024.

Dan Klein, Chair Tompkins County Legislature