

REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

Agenda Item No.	Board Meeting Date	Open/Closed Session	Information/Action Item	Issue Date
7	08/24/15	Open	Action	08/17/15

Subject: Recognition of July 26th of Every Year RT ADA Celebration Day to Commemorate the Anniversary Date of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

ISSUE

Whether or not to recognize July 26th on a recurring basis as the Anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 15-08-____, Recognizing July 26th of Every Year as Sacramento Regional Transit's Americans with Disabilities Act Day.

FISCAL IMPACT

None, as a result of this action.

DISCUSSION

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed on July 26, 1990 to ensure the civil rights of citizens with disabilities. This historic act was the world's first comprehensive declaration of equality for people with disabilities, and its passage made the United States the international leader on this human rights issue.

Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) affirms the principals of equality and inclusion for persons with disabilities as set forth by the United States Department of Transportation, including access to public transportation.

Staff requests that the Board adopt the attached resolution recognizing RT's observance of the Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act in perpetuity on July 26th.

Approved:

Presented:

Final 08/17/15

General Manager/CEO

Accessible Services Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. 15-08-_____

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

August 24, 2015

**RECOGNIZING JULY 26TH OF EVERY YEAR AS SACRAMENTO REGIONAL
TRANSIT'S AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT DAY**

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed on July 26, 1990 to ensure the civil rights of citizens with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, this historic act was the world's first comprehensive declaration of equality for people with disabilities, and its passage made the United States the international leader on this human rights issue; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) affirms the principals of equality and inclusion for persons with disabilities as set forth by the United States Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Title II requires State and local governments give people with disabilities equal opportunity to benefit from all of their programs, including access to public transportation; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the ADA is to make sure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else; and

WHEREAS, the ADA established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2015, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the signing of the ADA.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, to honor the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the subsequent expansion of opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life, the Sacramento Regional Transit District Board of Directors hereby declares July 26th of every year RT ADA Day.

JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary