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CELEBRATING THE ADA: HAPPY 20TH BIRTHDAY, ADA!

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Today is a great day of celebration for persons with disabilities, their families and advocates. It is a time to join with others in proclaiming a recommitment to the vision and spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act—full inclusion of people with disabilities into American life.

The Center for Persons with Disabilities has joined the "2010by2010 Campaign," sponsored by the National ADA Symposium in recognition of the passage of this landmark civil rights legislation, by signing the "Proclamation of Recommitment" to the spirit of the ADA.

A version of the Proclamation follows:

Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

A Proclamation of Recommitment to Full Implementation of the ADA

On July 26, 1990, President George H. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities. This legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

The ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, increasing full participation in community life. However, the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if public entities remain committed in their efforts to fully implement the ADA.

On the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we (name of public entity) celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principals of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA compliance.

NOW THEREFORE, the ____________ (County Board of Commissioners/City Council/Mayor/President) do hereby reaffirm our commitment to work toward full ADA compliance in ______________ (name of public entity).

The CPD is proud to be one of the 2010 and will continue to work toward full ADA compliance. You and your organization can also sign this recommitment to the ADA and become one of the 2010 this year.