

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Resolution No. 15/16-10

Acknowledging the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

WHEREAS, nationwide approximately 57 million people have a disability; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush, signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the ADA, as a civil rights law, is to make sure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else; 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, the ADA prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the general public; 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 an international leader on this human rights issue; and

WHEREAS, AC Transit's Board of Directors created the Accessibility Advisory Committee and appoints individuals with a disability or individuals that represent groups with a disability to advise the Board and staff on matters related to accessibility; and

WHEREAS, AC Transit will celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principals of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to maintaining the District's ADA compliance; and

WHEREAS, celebrating the abilities and contributions of people with disabilities can only serve to enrich our communities and enhance our diversity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Peralta Community College District Chancellor and Board of Trustees recognize the significance of the efforts and advocacy of people with disabilities throughout the United States to secure access, inclusion, and independence for people with disabilities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 8th day of September, 2015.

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Chancellor