

**DC Office of Disability Rights and DC Developmental Disabilities Council
Recognize the 23rd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act**

This year, the DC Office of Disability Rights (ODR), the DC Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) and the DC Commission on Persons with Disabilities (DCCPD) join together to recognize the 23rd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

In recognition of the Act's 23rd anniversary, the respective organizations reflect on their commitment to work together to ensure that persons with disabilities in the District of Columbia have the opportunity to live, work, and play in an inclusive, accessible environment where their rights are appreciated and protected.

"ODR prizes our partnership with the Developmental Disabilities Council and the DCCPD as we work together to protect the rights and enrich the lives of the District's disability community," said Director Derek K. Orr.

"As we celebrate the ADA's 23rd anniversary, the disability community takes pride in our civil rights law that promotes equality, accessibility, and community integration," expresses DDC Executive Director Mat McCollough.

Signed into law by President George H.W. Bush on July 26, 1990, the ADA is the most comprehensive federal law that protects qualified individuals with disabilities from discrimination and requires that they be given equal access and opportunity.