



## City of Grand Rapids, Michigan

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

ROSALYNN C. BLISS  
MAYOR

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in July 2015, people with disabilities and their supporters celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 50 million people with disabilities of all ages living in communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the disability community has a critical interest in policies enacted at local, state and national levels that effect the integration of people with disabilities, young and old, into our communities; and

WHEREAS, getting the disability community involved in influencing public policies is essential if these policies are to meet the real needs of people with disabilities who live in the community; and

WHEREAS, voting is one way for the disability community to exert its influence in local, state and national elections; and

WHEREAS, there are multiple efforts to develop disability coalitions around the issue of voting, including REV UP America – Register, Educate, Vote, Use your Power – and

WHEREAS, members of the national disability rights community are organizing a National Disability Voter Registration Week July 11-15;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Rosalynn Bliss, Mayor of the City of Grand Rapids, do hereby proclaim July 11-15, 2016, as

## **National Disability Voter Registration Week**

in Grand Rapids and encourage all citizens to support the growing involvement of the disability community in the political process.



  
Rosalynn Bliss