



WHEREAS, there are over 61 million people of all ages living with disabilities in communities throughout the United States, making up almost a quarter of the country's population; and

WHEREAS, there are over 38 million Americans with disabilities who are eligible voters; and

WHEREAS, the disability community has a critical interest in policies and decisions made and enacted at local, state, and national levels that impact our lives directly; and

WHEREAS, making sure people with disabilities have access to voting is essential if these policies are to meet the real needs of people with disabilities in our communities; and

WHEREAS, voting is one way for the disability community to have a say in the people and policies that impact our communities; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2026 is for Disability Voting Rights Week 2026 is "Be an Accessible Democracy Defender;" and

WHEREAS, members of the national disability rights community are organizing the annual *Disability Voting Rights Week - September 14 - 18, 2026*.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, designate the week of September 14 - 18, 2026, as **Disability Voting Rights Week**, in Rockville, Maryland, and support the growing involvement of the disability community in the process, and urge all residents to support this effort.




Monique Ashton, Mayor


Kate Fulton, Councilmember


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Marissa Valeri, Councilmember


David Myles, Councilmember


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September 14, 2026