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**Declaring July 2025 as Disability Pride Month in Los Angeles County**

Disability Pride Month, nationally observed in July, commemorates the historic signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 1990. This landmark civil rights legislation prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, laying the legal foundation for equity, inclusion, and full participation in society for people with disabilities.

In Los Angeles County, approximately 993,000 residents, nearly 10% of the population, identify as having one or more disabilities including physical, sensory, intellectual, developmental, cognitive, and mental health-related disabilities. People with disabilities contribute significantly to the County's civic, economic, cultural, and social fabric, yet they continue to experience systemic barriers in areas such as transportation, employment, housing, education, healthcare, and digital access.

By designating July as Disability Pride Month, Los Angeles County affirms the dignity, humanity, and rights of individuals with disabilities. This designation celebrates the diversity, resilience, and contributions of the disability community, while also serving as a call to action for public agencies, private partners and communities to dismantle ableism and advance accessibility, equity and inclusion across all communities.

I, **THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim the month of July 2025 as "Disability Pride Month" in Los Angeles County;
2. Encourage all County departments, commissions, municipalities, and community-based partners to recognize, support, and uplift individuals with disabilities by promoting awareness, accessibility, and inclusion throughout the month of July and beyond; and
3. Encourage the Executive Officer of the Board to disseminate this proclamation and coordinate with the Department of Aging and Disabilities, the LACCOD, and relevant departments to promote Disability Pride Month through communication channels, including social media and other outreach platforms.

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