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Miami Beach Celebrates Disabilities Act

— *The event marks the 33rd anniversary of the groundbreaking legislation* —

Miami Beach, FL – The City of Miami Beach and its Disability Access Committee invite residents to celebrate the 33rd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act on Wednesday, July 26 at Miami Beach City Hall.

The free event will take place on the first floor of City Hall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with disability simulations, light refreshments and a limited number of gift bags for people who participate in the simulations. City Hall is located at 1700 Convention Center Drive.

“The disability simulations include wheelchair exercises to give people a better understanding of how removing barriers improves the lives of people who live with limited mobility,” observed Disability Committee Chair Eddie Sierra. “Attendees will also learn how to provide assistance to a blind person and get an opportunity to practice basic American Sign Language skills like fingerspelling their name.”

The ADA is a federal law that gives civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities, similar to those provided on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age and religion. It guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and local government services as well as telecommunications.

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