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GARY CELEBRATES THE 28TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADA

Gary, Indiana-The City of Gary joins cities across the nation in celebrating the 28th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on Thursday, July 26, 2018. The ADA was signed by President George H.W. Bush in 1990 which provided civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities.

Recently, the City of Gary developed an ADA Task Force that includes the Gary Human Relations Commission (GHRC). The GHRC has been the local civil rights agency in Gary and Northwest Indiana for over 50 years working with the Mayor's Office and city leaders to resolve the community's concerns regarding accommodations and to provide assistance with civil rights complaints. The ADA Task Force along with GHRC will work to address challenges cities face in making communities more disability friendly.

Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson says, "The City of Gary is excited to renew our commitment to the Americans with Disabilities Act. This is especially significant to me because Indiana became one of the first states to pass a state version of the ADA during my tenure as Director of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission. There is always a special challenge when working in cities with historic structures. However, our commitment to the ADA is as strong as ever."

In observance of the 28th Anniversary of the ADA, the Public is invited to visit GHRC Civil Rights Museum located at the Gary Human Relations Commission located at 839 Broadway. Literature on the ADA and the Gary Human Relations Commission will also be available. As always, the GHRC is available to answer any questions regarding the ADA and its application. Executive Director Haneefah Khaaliq says the team looks forward to serving the community.

For more information or questions about the ADA, contact the Gary Human Relations Commission at 219-883-4151. **-30-**