WHEREAS, July 26, 2020, marks the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the ADA has improved access to government services, programs, transportation, public places, communication, and information technology; and

WHEREAS, the City established the Committee to Advocate for Persons with Impairments (CAPI) in 1972, with the purpose to serve as an advisory group who would advocate, advise and formulate positions on issues facing persons with impairments, and provide advice and guidance relative to affairs, concerns, rights, and special needs of persons with impairments to ensure their full participation in the City’s facilities, programs, and services; and

WHEREAS, CAPI has advocated and funded many programs and services, including providing closed captioning of all City Council meetings, assistive listening devices, accessible playgrounds and fitness components, ADA signage, accessible aluminum docks for the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, closed captioning related to disasters and emergencies, beach wheelchairs, accessible golf carts and ADA training for city staff; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Petersburg strives to provide equal access, equal enjoyment and equal participation in programs, services and activities to all segments of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Kriseman, Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 26th, 2020 to be

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in St. Petersburg and call upon residents to recognize that understanding and compliance with the ADA is the surest means to guarantee equal opportunities for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, and State of Florida to be affixed this 26th day of July, 2020.

Rick Kriseman
Mayor