Office of the Country Commission of Wood Country, West Virginia

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Disability Voter Registration Week Proclamation

WHEREAS in July 2015 people with disabilities and our supporters celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); AND

WHEREAS there are over 50 million people with disabilities of all ages living in communities throughout the United States; AND

WHEREAS the disability community has a critical interest in policies enacted at local, state and national levels that effect the integration of people with disabilities, young and old, into our communities; AND

WHEREAS getting the disability community involved in influencing public policies is essential if these policies are to meet the real needs of people with disabilities to live in the community; AND

WHEREAS voting is one way for the disability community to exert their influence at local, state and national elections; AND

WHEREAS there are multiple efforts to develop disability coalitions around the issue of voting; AND

 $WHEREAS\;REV\;UP\;America*Register-Educate-Vote\;Use\;your\;Power\;is\;a\;national\;effort\;to\;encourage\;local\;and/or\;state\;disability\;community\;voting\;coalitions;\;AND$

WHEREAS members of the national disability rights community are organizing a National Disability Voter Registration Week (NDVRW) July 11th – July 15th;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Commission of Wood County supports the growing involvement of the disability community in the political process; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Commission of Wood County designates the week of July $11^{th} - 15^{th}$ as National Disability Voter Registration Week.

Signed in the historic Wood County Courthouse on the 7th day of July, 2016 in Parkersburg, Wood

County, West Virginia.

Stephen Gainer, President

David Blair Couch, Commissioner

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