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## Voters with Disabilities Celebrate the ADA 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary & Its Impact on Voting Rights

On July 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition will host a virtual celebration of the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA is one of America's most comprehensive pieces of civil rights legislation, and includes protections for equitable access to voting.

Thursday's celebration will feature legal experts discussing the protections in the ADA for voting rights, as well as the aftermath of the Teigen case and how to request a disability related accommodation. Our panel of self-advocates will reflect on the significance of the ADA anniversary, and the importance of providing voting rights and accommodations, as required by federal and state law.

What: A Celebration of the ADA's 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary and

Its Impact on Voting Rights

When: Thursday, July 28, 12 noon – 1:15 PM

Where: Register online for this Zoom event: <a href="bit.ly/drw-ada-2022">bit.ly/drw-ada-2022</a>

Who: Speakers include:

• Charlotte Lanvers, Trial Attorney from the Disability Rights Section of the Civil Rights Division, US Department of Justice





- Kit Kerschensteiner, Director of Legal and Advocacy Services, Disability Rights Wisconsin.
- Our voter panel will share perspectives on the ADA and on voting rights: Stacy Ellingen, Oshkosh; Trudy Le Beau, Sheboygan, and Felicia Clayborne, Milwaukee.

Join us to celebrate the accomplishments of the ADA and support the rights of people with disabilities to realize their full participation in the electoral process. Voting rights are the cornerstone of our democracy. To truly realize the goals of the ADA, Wisconsin must provide equitable access to voting for citizens with disabilities.

ASL interpreters will be provided, and captioning will be available. Other accommodations may be requested when registering.

- Link to event flyer: View the accessible event flyer here.
- Register here for the event via Zoom.
- **Event post:** A Celebration of the ADA's 32nd Anniversary and Its Impact on Voting Rights

## **About the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition**

The WDVC is a non-partisan effort to help ensure full participation in the entire electoral process of voters with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places. Members include people with disabilities, and community agencies. The Coalition is coordinated by Disability Rights Wisconsin and Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities.