



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

**GLOBAL ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS DAY
May 19, 2022**

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a proud and distinguished history of protecting the rights of individuals with disabilities through such laws as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act and the Universal Accessibility Act, as amended, December 20, 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Wolf Administration has increased opportunities for competitive, integrated employment for Pennsylvanians with disabilities through an “Employment First” executive order and legislation; and

WHEREAS, approximately fourteen percent of Pennsylvanians have one or more disabilities affecting their vision, hearing, cognition, movement, self-care, or independent living; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians increasingly rely upon digital technology for employment, education, entertainment, commerce, healthcare, and other services; and

WHEREAS, technology enables Pennsylvanians to connect to critical government services through websites, applications, and other digital content; and

WHEREAS, accessible technology benefits everyone with digital content that is easier to read, applications that are simpler to navigate, improved search results, and reaches a wider audience; and

WHEREAS, creating accessible digital content and services is a shared responsibility in which every person has a role to play; and

WHEREAS, the third Thursday of May is designated as GLOBAL ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS DAY, a day to focus on digital access and inclusion for Pennsylvanians with disabilities.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2022 as GLOBAL ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS DAY. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to become aware of the many ways in which they can impact the accessibility of digital content and contribute to the health, happiness, and independence of our family, friends, and neighbors.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-first day of April two thousand twenty-two, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-sixth.



Tom Wolf
TOM WOLF
Governor