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ADA 20TH ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Thomas County citizens with disabilities play a critical role in forging and shaping the identity of our community, impacting us all through personal experience or through the experience of a family member, neighbor, coworker, or friend; and,

WHEREAS, we are strengthened as a community by striving to ensure that every member of our community has equal access to employment, education, recreation, cultural activities, and civic life; and,

WHEREAS, the economic empowerment made possible through expanded employment opportunities for people with disabilities contributes to the development of strong families, a robust local economy, and a healthier community for us all; and,

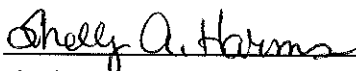
WHEREAS, we citizens with disabilities are a major component of the diversity in Thomas County, and contributes to a richer experience and more vibrant community for Thomas County residents; and,

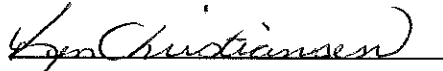
WHEREAS, we continue in our daily work to further expand opportunities for citizens with disabilities by eliminating the barriers and false perceptions that present obstacles to full participation; and,

WHEREAS, the 20th Anniversary of the passage of the American with Disabilities Act is an opportunity to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of citizens with disabilities and to underscore our community's commitment to the full inclusion of all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Ken Christiansen, Commissioner Chairman of Thomas County, Kansas on behalf of the its citizens do hereby recognize and celebrate the progress that has been made under the **Americans with Disabilities Act** by recommitting Thomas County to its principles of equality and inclusion and by reaffirming our determination to attain a community that affords independence, justice, and dignity for all.

Done this 14th day of June, 2010.


Shelly A. Harms, County Clerk


Ken Christiansen, Chairman