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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO ON INTERNATIONAL DAY OF  
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

“Every person – regardless of race, gender, country of origin, language, ability, sexuality, or creed – should have the right to inclusion, to stable and affordable housing, to reliable and accessible transportation, to be part of the workforce and to support themselves and their loved ones. On the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we join hands with the nearly 900,000 New Yorkers with disabilities and the millions of others around the globe, to remember our past and set goals for our future. The City of New York is renewed in its commitment to making New York City the most accessible city in the world, and I look forward to the day that the U.S. ratifies the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.”

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