

RESOLUTION 157-92

COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has recognized the rights of people with disabilities, and stated that it shall be a policy of the United States to have full participation in society by people with disabilities;

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has adopted the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101336) for the purpose of eliminating discrimination against peoples with disabilities;

WHEREAS, the Americans With Disabilities Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by all units of state and local government, including counties, or instrumentalities thereof, as of January 26, 1992;

WHEREAS, the rule implementing the Act was published July 26, 1991 (28 CFR part 35) by the Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, the rule requires that Grand Traverse County shall make information concerning the Act and its application to the services, programs, and activities available to applicants, participants, beneficiaries and other interested persons.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that Grand Traverse County intends to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act in the delivery of services, programs, and activities, by making reasonable accommodations, such as the removal of architectural, transportation, and communication barriers; the changing of rules, policies, and practices: and the providing of auxiliary aids or services for the enhancement of communication with people with hearing or sight impairments, when such accommodations will enable people with disabilities to meet essential eligibility requirements for services, programs, and activities provided by Grand Traverse County.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That all contracts entered into by Grand Traverse County which shall result in the delivery of services, programs, and activities shall include a requirement that such services, programs and activities be delivered without discrimination on the basis of disability, in a manner consistent with the Act and the rule;
2. That Grand Traverse County shall evaluate its current services, policies, and practices, including its facilities, to identify barriers in the environment and in service

provision which may result in the exclusion of people with disabilities or in the provision of a less effective service for people with disabilities;

3. That Grand Traverse County designates Michael J. McClelland, County Deputy Administrator as the person responsible to coordinate compliance with the Act, and to investigate any complaint against Grand Traverse County alleging noncompliance with the Act, and that Michael J. McClelland can be reached at 616/922-4622 or by writing to:

Michael J. McClelland  
Deputy Administrator  
ADA Coordinator  
Grand Traverse County  
P.O. Box 552  
Traverse City, Michigan 49685

4. That a procedure for the prompt resolution of complaints against Grand Traverse County alleging noncompliance with the Act, shall be adopted by Grand Traverse County and that a description of the procedure shall be published for the information of the general public; and
5. That Grand Traverse County shall adopt a plan for the removal of barriers in existing facilities, and that all necessary work which is structural in nature and shall occur by January 26, 1995.
6. This resolution shall be effective after its adoption.

Dated: July 29, 1992