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Celebrating Twenty Years of the Americans With Disabilities Act *Proclamations Presented to the Harford County Cultural Arts Board and The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region*

Proclamations on the 20th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act were made by David Craig and Dion Guthrie to the Harford County Cultural Arts Board and The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region on July 26, 2010. The Community Open Air Studio has brought together Harford County artists with and without disabilities to paint freely in outdoor settings. The artists learn from each other, socialize, and enjoy each other's company while painting scenic landmarks in the county. This program, made possible by a partnership between the Harford County Cultural Arts Board and The Arc's Inclusive Recreation Program, represents the true spirit of the ADA—that people with disabilities are entitled to equality of opportunity and full participation in our community.

The event included "Art Without Boundaries Exhibit" and included exhibits from: Joe Brown; Loretta DiLoreto; Phil Gallion; Joseph Harter; Jo Houtz; Anne Maxwell; Melita Maxwell; Eleanor Mulholland; Greg Myers; Diane Quick; Ron Shuford; Jim Turner; and Helen Woodward.

The Americans with Disabilities Act was the first comprehensive declaration of equality for people with disabilities. It was a collaborative effort of the legislative and executive branches of government, federal, and state agencies, and people with and without disabilities. The ADA bans discrimination in the areas of employment, public accommodation, public services, transportation, and telecommunications.

The Arc offers a wide variety of services to individuals with developmental disabilities in Harford, Cecil, and Kent counties, both children and adults, to make informed choices with their lifestyles, vocations, education and recreational pursuits, and to assure stable and nurturing lives among their families and friends.