

GEM COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2017-08

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ADA COORDINATOR FOR GEM COUNTY AND PROVIDING NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (the “ADA”) requires that public entities employing 50 or more people designate at least one responsible person to coordinate ADA compliance;

WHEREAS, the individual responsible for ADA compliance is frequently referred to as an ADA Coordinator;

WHEREAS, the role of an ADA Coordinator is to coordinate the efforts of a government entity to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, including but not limited to providing knowledge and information about the ADA, coordinating compliance measures, and investigating complaints of potential violations of the ADA;

WHEREAS, Gem County in accordance with the requirements of the ADA will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, employment or activities;

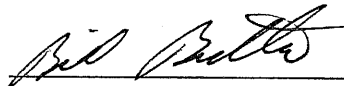
WHEREAS, I.C. § 67-5909 prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in services, programs, employment or activities.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Gem County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

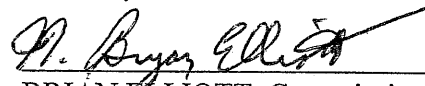
1. The position of “ADA Coordinator” is created.
2. The Code Enforcement Officer, under the direction of Development Services, is designated as the ADA Coordinator for Gem County.
3. The ADA Coordinator shall coordinate the efforts of Gem County in complying with the ADA, including but not limited to providing knowledge and information about the ADA, coordinating compliance measures, and investigating complaints of potential violations of the ADA.
4. The Notice under the Americans with Disabilities Act, a copy of which is attached hereto, is adopted as the Notice under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Notice shall be made available at the Gem County Courthouse and on the Gem County website.
5. A grievance procedure for addressing complaints alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of employment, services, activities, programs or benefits shall be established and made available at the Gem County Courthouse and on the Gem County website.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of June, 2017.

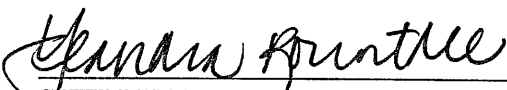
Board of Gem County Commissioners

By: 
BILL BUTTICCI, Chairman

By: 
MARK BEKOW, Commissioner

By: 
BRIAN ELLIOTT, Commissioner

ATTEST:


SHELLY TILTON, County Clerk

NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In accordance with the requirements of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), Gem County will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

EMPLOYMENT: Gem County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations set forth by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under title I of the ADA.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION: Gem County will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in Gem County's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

MODIFICATIONS TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES: Gem County will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in Gem County offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of Gem County, should contact the ADA Coordinator at Development Services (telephone (208) 365-5144) or the Gem County Clerk (telephone (208) 365-4561) for assistance.

The ADA does not require Gem County to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service or activity of Gem County is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to the ADA Coordinator at Development Services at (208) 365-5144.

Gem County will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.