

Teammates,

July 26th marked the [32nd anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act](#) (ADA). The ADA makes it unlawful to discriminate against people because of their disabilities, and applies to employment, housing, public accommodations, education, transportation, and access to public services, among other areas.

Making State government as accessible as possible to our teammates and those that we serve is 100% aligned with the Governor's vision of effective, efficient, and customer-focused State government. On our team, guiding the State of Nebraska through ADA compliance falls to DAS' ADA Task Force and the 309 Task Force for Building Renewal, and I'd like to highlight our recent accomplishments within these teams.

Over the past fiscal year, the [309 Task Force](#) has managed four ADA compliance upgrades and renovations with allocations totaling roughly \$510,000. These projects join the other 19 that they've managed over the past five years, with total allocations of over \$6.4 million. With these projects, the 309 Task Force has updated restrooms to include handicap stalls, renovated parking lots to include handicap parking, and installed ramps at State facilities across Nebraska, especially at our State parks and historic sites. A great example of some of the 309 Task Force's recent work to improve accessibility was the [implementation of various upgrades](#), including ramps and push button door operators, at Peru State College to increase campus accessibility for all students.

The [ADA Task Force](#) plays an important role in the Nebraska State government, coordinating the efforts of State agencies, boards, and commissions to comply with Title II of the ADA. The ADA Task Force recently completed a revision and updating of their [Charter](#). The ADA Task Force, through their new charter,

confirms our efforts to exceed the requirements of Title II through our compliance efforts to ensure public accessibility of State buildings and services.

DAS is proud to support these teams in their work to make State buildings and services more enjoyable and accessible to our teammates and customers, building on our mission to make State government more customer focused.

Regards,

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