



## **Proclamation In Celebration of the Life of Dr. David R. Boyd**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. David R. Boyd was a leading voice advocating for disability rights and barrier-free design in Marquette and throughout the nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, he advocated for and helped pave the way for the Americans with Disabilities Act to be passed in 1990; and,

**WHEREAS**, he was an active member of the Marquette community, serving on numerous boards including the Marquette County Transit Authority, the Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee on Handicapper Concerns, the Propylon Nonprofit Housing Corporation, and the Marquette Access Group; and,

**WHEREAS**, he contributed to the education and well-being of Marquette residents through his time as an instructor at Northern Michigan University, and his efforts to educate leaders, legislators, and the public on the importance of inclusive infrastructure for the entire community; and,

**WHEREAS**, he founded the Propylon Nonprofit Housing Corporation and Marquette Access Group to offer housing and support for individuals with disabilities and advocate for accessibility and infrastructure improvements on the local level; and,

**WHEREAS**, his celebration of life is taking place at Peter White Public Library on July 19 at 2:00 PM in the Community Room; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission recognizes and commends the lasting impact of Dr. David R. Boyd's contributions to the community, and encourages all residents to honor his legacy through active civic engagement and a continued commitment to inclusivity.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Marquette hereby recognize the accomplishments of Dr. David R. Boyd in Marquette, Michigan.

**DATED** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

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Jessica Hanley, Mayor