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REPLY TO:

TO: All Senators

DATE: October 11, 2012

FROM: Senator Christine M. Tartaglione

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Resolution:
International Day of Persons with Disabilities

I intend to introduce a Resolution observing the 3rd day of December as International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Globally, almost fifteen percent of the world's population lives with a disability. Many people with disabilities continue to face barriers to their participation in all aspects of their communities and are often forced to live on the margins of society. They often face stigma and discrimination and do not have equal access to education, employment, health care, transportation, political participation or justice.

The annual observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities aims to focus on promoting accessibility and removing all types of barriers in society. The day provides an opportunity to raise awareness with the goal of full and equal enjoyment of human rights and participation in society by persons with disabilities.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this resolution, please contact my office at 787-1141 or e-mail Elizabeth Gray at egray@pasenate.com.