WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) states that the "Nation's proper goals regarding individuals with disabilities are to assure equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency"; and

WHEREAS, 27 years after the signing into law of the ADA, there remain substantial challenges for adults across the spectrum of disabilities to make ends meet, manage financial products and services and improve financial decision making; and

WHEREAS, the National Disability Institute (NDI) envisions a world where people with disabilities have the same opportunities to achieve financial stability and independences as people without disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta embraces the diversity, culture, and contributions of our many residents with disabilities in our schools, in government, in the workforce, and in our social and economic mainstream; and

WHEREAS, building financial capability and inclusion for our many residents with disabilities as part of a design of a personal pathway to greater economic stability, mobility, and security is an achievable goal if public and private sector interests work together to meet the goals of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is committed to advancing financial inclusion for people with disabilities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, do hereby proclaim APRIL 30, 2018 to be FINANCIAL INCLUSION AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT DAY IN ATLANTA and urge all Atlantans to recognize the Americans with Disabilities Act's goal of ensuring economic self-sufficiency for all Americans with disabilities.

Dated this 30th day of April 30, 2018.

Mayor