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Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition

Statewide press event to highlight National Disability Voter Registration Week

WISCONSIN—On Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 9 am, the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition will host a *statewide* virtual press conference to recognize and highlight National Disability Voter Registration Week (NDVRW). NDVRW is to increase the political power of people with disabilities by sharing resources and getting folks registered to vote. This year, NDVRW is July 13-17, 2020. With an estimated 35 million people with disabilities eligible to vote in 2020, now is the time to raise the disability voice and civic participation across Wisconsin.

A panel of advocates from around Wisconsin will discuss the efforts of the Disability Vote Coalition to advance policies to eliminate barriers to voting, as well as share stories from voters with disabilities about the importance of revving up the disability vote.

The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition (WDVC) is a non-partisan effort to help ensure full participation in the entire electoral process of voters with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places. With the ongoing barriers faced by voters with disabilities, and the added challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of the National Voter Registration Week is greater than ever. For more information go to our website at www.disabilityvote.org.

WHAT: Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition Press Conference

WHO:

- Denise Jess, CEO/Executive Director of Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Madison
- Stephanie Birmingham, Options for Independent Living, Green Bay
- Harvey Ross, Independence First, Milwaukee
- Barbara Beckert, Disability Rights Wisconsin, Milwaukee

WHEN: 9:00am on Thursday, July 16

WHERE: Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85845513816>

Members of the public are invited to attend this event which will be broadcast live on the [Disability Vote Coalition Facebook page](#).