

ADVOCACY

International Day of People with Disabilities - December 3, 2015

"I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim December 3, 2015, as International Day of Persons with Disabilities. I call on all Americans to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs."

Established by the U.N. in 1992, December 3 is marked as a day of observance for persons with disabilities. This year's theme is "Inclusion matters: access and empowerment of people of all abilities."

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/12/03/presidential-proclamation-international-day-persons-disabilities-2015>

TSA Spotlights International Day of People with Disabilities

The Disability Branch of TSA (Transportation Security Administration) has issued a paper, "What to Expect." TSA's Disability Branch distributes these papers each month as part of their Awareness series, where they spotlight do's and don'ts for screening passengers with a particular disability or medical condition.

Sprint Drops Wireless CapTel App

Sprint has decided to decommission its Wireless CapTel by Sprint app service by December 7, 2015. Sprint provided formal notice to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on November 6, 2015. More information for Sprint customers can be found [here](#).

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Survey on Banking for People with Hearing Loss

The [World Institute on Disability](#) (WID) and the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) are conducting a brief 10- to 15-minute survey about access to and use of banking and financial institutions for people with hearing loss.

Results from this survey will be used to inform the financial and banking industry as to best practices to make information and services more accessible to people with hearing loss. No individual identifying data or characteristics will be provided to any outside agency, organization or business. All responses will be combined and no individual responses will be made available. After the completion of the study, all contact information will be destroyed.

[Take the survey here.](#)



HLAA AWARDS

LAST CHANCE! Honor HLAA's finest by submitting an award nomination by **December 4, 2015**. Nominate a chapter, state organization or individual. [All the information and applications are here on the HLAA website.](#)

WEBINARS

December 16, 8-9 p.m., Christine Cassel, M.D., President and CEO of [National Quality Forum](#), will present *Aging America and Hearing Loss: The PCAST Report Explained*. See the [Schedule page](#) for more information. Webinar times are Eastern Standard Time. All webinars are free, captioned, and recorded. The recordings are posted on the [Webinar Replay page](#) of our website, usually within a week.

CONVENTION 2016/IFHOH CONGRESS

Call for Papers Deadline – Friday, December 4 - RESPOND TODAY!

Interested in presenting a workshop at Convention 2016/IFHOH Congress? If you want to present in the State/Chapter Development Room, please complete the [Call for Papers form](#). If you are interested in presenting in one of the educational tracks, please submit your proposal on the [Call for Papers collection site](#). If you are not sure where your proposal fits or have another question, please email [Nancy Macklin](#), HLAA Director of Events.

Holiday Gift Idea! Early-Bird Registration Deadline – January 31, 2016

Not sure what to get that special person on your holiday list? Why not a Convention registration? It's the gift that will last a lifetime! We'll even send you a little something to wrap up.