"NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US!"

HISTORICAL MOMENTS OF SELF-ADVOCACY IN THE FIGHT TO CREATE AN EQUITABLE WORKFORCE

1935

LEAGUE OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED protested at the Emergency Relief Bureau (ERB) to demonstrate job discrimination that people with disabilities were facing.



1975

AMERICAN COALITION OF CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES was the first leading national cross-disability rights organization, governed and administered by people with disabilities.



1977

THE 504 SIT-IN was a protest when disability advocates occupied federal buildings across the United States. Their demand: Sign the regulations enforcing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibited recipients of federal aid from discriminating against anyone with a disability.



1978

THE GANG OF 19 was group of 19 people who gathered at one of the busiest intersections in Denver, at Colfax Avenue and Broadway, got out of their wheelchairs, and laid down to stop traffic to protest the inaccessibility of the city's public transit system.



1990

THE "CAPITOL CRAWL," was a physical demonstration of how inaccessible buildings impact people with disabilities. People abandoned wheelchairs, crutches and began crawling up the marble steps to the U.S Capital.

