

**Governor's Council on
Developmental Disabilities**

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**NATIONAL COUNTDOWN TOUR CELEBRATING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT VISITS ST. PAUL AUGUST 6 - 7**

**Minn. Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities recognized
for creating important "Moments in History" series; August segment
features stories that helped drive passage of the ADA in 1990**

Telling a story has long been the key to persuasion and action, and its vital role will be highlighted when the "Moments in History" series will be honored with a visit from the national group driving recognition of the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Nationally recognized photographer Tom Olin, who has visually chronicled the disability rights movement, will represent the ADA Legacy Project in honoring the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities for creating the series. The Council's executive director, Colleen Wieck, will welcome Olin and other Project representatives to the Council's August 6 meeting in St. Paul.

"We have completed 19 "Moments in History" segments and there are 12 to go," said Wieck. "These Moments will be forthcoming monthly as we count down to the ADA 25th anniversary in July 2015. The August installment focuses on the collection and submission of 5,000 stories of discrimination that were used to get the ADA passed by Congress in 1990. It will be introduced at the Council meeting.

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The ADA Legacy bus tour will begin at the President George H. W. Bush Library in Houston, Texas in early August and be in Minnesota in time for the Council meeting from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6. President Bush signed the ADA into law. The Council meeting will be held at the University of Minnesota's Continuing Education and Conference Center, 1890 Buford Avenue in St. Paul. The graphic-enveloped bus will be parked alongside the State Capitol Martin Luther King Boulevard from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursday, August 7, before departing for Milwaukee.

Tom Olin is a widely celebrated photographer who has spent much of his life producing a visual record of the long journey for disability rights, with photos of a majority of the meetings, demonstrations and disability newsmakers over more than three decades. His work has appeared in publications around the globe.

“The Moments in History yet to come parallel the events that occurred in passing the ADA Act and illustrate the commitment and courage of those who fought for fairness and justice for those who have disabilities,” said Wieck. The “Moments” segments can be seen on the Council’s website, <http://www.mn.gov/mnddc/ada-legacy/index.html>.

The ADA Legacy Project is a national group based in Atlanta, Georgia, home of the [National Center for Civil and Human Rights](#).

The Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, established in 1971, works to ensure that all people with such disabilities and their families receive the support they need to achieve greater independence and productivity, and to be fully included in the community. # # #