Accessible Archives and Special Collections

Enhancing web exhibits for improved accessibility

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CELEBRATING OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: 70 YEARS OF DOLE LEADERSHIP

Under the ADA we are all winners: Governor Bob Dole delivered his famous personal statement in 1991.

Disability Rights Are Civil Rights

Americans with Disabilities Act:

Before:
- You are a qualified job applicant.
- Employers are prohibited from discriminating against a qualified applicant because of your disability.
- You are entitled to reasonable accommodation if you have a disability.
- A qualified applicant is someone who can perform essential job functions with or without reasonable accommodation.

With:
- Employers' career opportunities are now open to qualified persons with disabilities.
- These opportunities are based on your qualifications and not your disability.
- You have the right to reasonable accommodation in the workplace.
- Disabilities are now considered an important part of the workforce.

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Celebrating Opportunity for People with Disabilities: 70 Years of Dole Leadership

Through documents from the Dole Archives, we share stories of Bob Dole’s decades-long drive to make our nation a better place for all Americans, as illustrated by the ADA and its core values.

Introduction

“Under the ADA we are all winners”
- Senator Bob Dole
from Statement on Final Passage of the ADA, dated July 12, 1990

Mention Bob Dole’s name to most people and their thoughts often turn to his World War II service and the combat injuries that almost took his life.

Tested in body and character, Dole found new strengths and aspirations. Although he gave up his dream of becoming a medical doctor, Bob Dole set out to change their story, just as he had changed his own to become, as he stated in 1996, “the most optimistic man in

http://dolearchivecollections.ku.edu/collections/ada/
Web Accessibility

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Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Requires Federal agencies to make their electronic and information technology accessible to people with disabilities
- Amended in 1998
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Principles

Perceivable

Operable

Understandable

Robust

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Guidelines

**Perceivable**
- Make it easier for users to see and hear content.

**Operable**
- Help users navigate and find content.

**Understandable**
- Make content appear and operate in predictable ways.

**Robust**
- Maximize compatibility with current and future user tools.

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Success Criteria

**Perceivable**
- Make it easier for users to see and hear content.
  - The visual presentation of text and images of text has a contrast ratio of at least 4.5:1.

**Operable**
- Help users navigate and find content.
  - Section headings are used to organize the content.

**Understandable**
- Make content appear and operate in predictable ways.
  - Navigational mechanisms occur in the same relative order each time they are repeated.

**Robust**
- Maximize compatibility with current and future user tools.
  - Web elements are created according to their specifications.

http://webaim.org/articles/pour/
Web Accessibility Resources

http://webaim.org/

ChromeVox

http://chromevox.com/

Via http://chrome.google.com/webstore/

Bootstrap accessibility plugin

http://goo.gl/MC4W9m
Web Accessibility Resources

WebAIM
web accessibility in mind

http://webaim.org/

WAVE
web accessibility evaluation tool

Powered by WebAIM
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Access to the Archives

Dole speaking to leaders from the disability community prior to his April 1969 speech.

Press release after Dole's maiden senate speech, outlining his disability policy points and facts.

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Thank you

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