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DISABILITY PRIDE PARADE

SUNDAY
OCT.
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Eric Blessed Carpenter-Grantham, nominated by CWA Local 1180, has been selected by the NYC Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities to serve as one of the Grand Marshals of New York City's 2026 Disability Pride Parade and will help lead the **Eric's ID Law Butterfly Brigade**.

Eric is a 21-year-old autistic college student from Maryland. He and his mother, Linda Carpenter-Grantham, founded The Blue Runway for Autism, a nonprofit promoting self-esteem and inclusion for people with autism and other disabilities. Eric is also the driving force behind Eric's ID Law, an initiative that uses a butterfly on identification cards and driver's licenses to help law enforcement recognize individuals with invisible disabilities.

9:30 AM

Meet on the southeast corner of East 26th Street and Fifth Avenue adjoining Madison Square Park

11 AM

Roll, scoot, march, ride, and walk down Broadway to Union Square

**NOON
- 3 PM**

The Disability Pride Block Party takes place in Union Square Park, featuring performances, community tables, and activities.

WEAR

CWA Local 1180 will have a special Eric's ID LAW Butterfly Brigade T-shirt. Please indicate your size when registering.

CLICK HERE TO RSVP

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