Concord, NH—2020 is the thirtieth anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and “It puts a focus on how far we have come in recognizing that disability rights are civil rights,” said Chuck Saia.

As Executive Director of the Governor’s Commission on Disability (GCD), Chuck Saia knows that the GCD is New Hampshire’s resource for the ADA. One of the GCDs recurring topics of education is the basic one regarding disability etiquette.

“There is nothing wrong with going back-to-basics and reminding ourselves that a person with a disability is first and foremost a person,” according to Saia.

As part of going back to basics, the GCD has posted on www.nh.gov/disability a video about disability etiquette by NH’s Secretary of State’s office. The GCD acknowledges the effort and foresight of the NH Secretary of State’s office to produce this video.

Made a few years ago, the video is timeless and remains fresh even as some titles and affiliations of video participants have changed since the taping. Highlighted are authentic stories by individuals with lived experience regarding disabilities.

The communication tips range from reminders to greet each person equally, to how to interact with a service dog and its handler.

For questions about the video, contact the NH Secretary of State’s office.