

Item No. 1

Proclamation

International Day of Persons with Disabilities November 27th - December 3rd 2016

WHEREAS there are over 1 billion people living in the world with some form of disability;

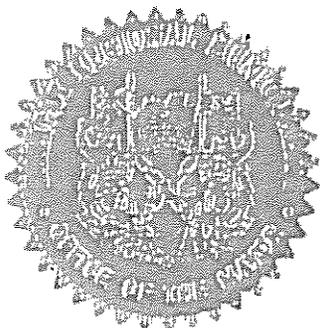
Persons with disabilities not only face physical barriers but also social, economic and attitudinal barriers. Persons with disabilities are the world's largest minority group. Persons with disabilities and the issue of disability have remained largely invisible in the mainstream development framework and its processes;

On March 11, 2010 Canada ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, with Nova Scotia providing its support. The theme of the 2016 International Day of Persons with Disabilities is 'Taking a Fresh Perspective';

The aim of this theme is to work to harness the power of technology to promote inclusion and accessibility to help realize the full and equal participation of persons with disabilities in society and shape the future of sustainable development for all

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim, December 3rd, 2016 as "International Day of Persons with Disabilities" in Halifax and that 'ability starts here' in Nova Scotia through the 'power of participation of Persons with Disabilities.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 3rd day of December, 2016



Original Signed

Mike Savage
Mayor