



Proclamation

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 3rd, 2019

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 2019 International Day of Persons with Disabilities is 'Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership';

The theme focuses on the empowerment of persons with disabilities for inclusive, equitable, and sustainable development. It pledges to leave no one behind and recognizes disability as a cross-cutting issue affecting all persons.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, on the eve of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, do hereby proclaim, December 3, 2019 as "International Day of Persons with Disabilities" in Halifax and that as a municipality, we can promote the participation of individuals with disabilities in leadership positions.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 2nd day of December 2019



Original Signed

Mike Savage
Mayor