



Proclamation

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 3rd, 2021

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 2021 International Day of Persons with Disabilities is "Fighting for rights in the post-COVID era";

The theme focuses on current societal changes that are happening as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and how we can all strive for a more inclusive, accessible, and sustainable world with a focus on equal rights for all. We understand that diverse voices are needed to achieve this goal, and that the leadership and participation of persons with disabilities in this process will be paramount to ensuring quality of life on an equitable basis for all.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim December 3, 2021 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 3rd day of December, 2021




Mike Savage
Mayor