

Proclamation International Day of Persons with Disabilities December 3rd, 2022

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

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 2022 International Day of Persons with Disabilities is "Quality of Life for Persons with Disabilities from a Human Rights Lens as Outlined in the UNCRPD".

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities contains eight guiding Principles and thirty Articles. Article 28, Adequate standard of living and social protection states: "Parties recognize the right of persons with disabilities to an adequate standard of living for themselves and their families, including adequate food, clothing, and housing, and to the continuous improvement of living conditions, and shall take appropriate steps to safeguard and promote the realization of this right without discrimination on the basis of disability."

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 3rd, 2022, 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 2023

Mike Savage Mayor