

Item No.



Proclamation

Access Awareness Week

May 28th – June 3rd, 2023

WHEREAS, the week of May 28th – June 3rd, 2023 is recognized as Access Awareness Week. Access Awareness Week aims to celebrate achievements made both by and for persons with disabilities in the areas of accessibility, transportation, housing, employment, recreation, education and communication; and

WHEREAS, this is the 37th year that this public awareness initiative has taken place in Halifax. The theme for 2023 Access Awareness Week is *Access includes Everyone: Moving the Bar on Quality of Life*; and

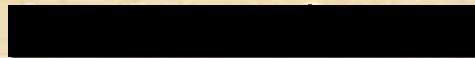
WHEREAS, barriers to inclusion are many and interconnected, removing and preventing them is central to improving quality of life for all persons with disabilities. The foundation of Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act is achieving accessibility by ensuring and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities through the identification, prevention and removal of barriers; and

WHEREAS, Access Awareness Week promotes the inclusion of all Nova Scotians with disabilities as full citizens within our communities. Through public awareness, community partnerships and education, this campaign aims to foster an environment of equal participation for persons with disabilities within Halifax.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim May 28th – June 3rd, 2023 as "Access Awareness Week" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
This 28th day of May 2023




Mike Savage
Mayor