



## Proclamation

### International Day of Persons with Disabilities

### December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

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. This year's theme "Human rights: the foundation for a Quality-of-Life for persons with disabilities," highlights the importance of first voice engagement in defining Canada's Disability Benefit and its impact on the Quality-of-Life Index for Persons with Disabilities in Nova Scotia.

As outlined in the UNCPRD, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, as **International Day of Persons with Disabilities** in Halifax Regional Municipality and that as a municipality, we can promote the participation of individuals with disabilities in leadership positions.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2023



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Mike Savage  
Mayor