

Proclamation

Indigenous Disability Awareness Month

November 1st, 2023

WHEREAS, Halifax Regional Municipality (Kjipuktuk) is committed to the ideal of an inclusive society based on respect and understanding where Indigenous First Nation, Inuit, Métis peoples living with disabilities and the significant contributions they provide are celebrated and valued; and

WHEREAS local Indigenous organizations and communities in Nova Scotia are working to advance the social, cultural, spiritual, civil, and political rights of Indigenous people with disabilities and to provide cultural-based services and supports in community; and

WHEREAS Indigenous peoples across Canada experience a disability rate higher than Canada's non Indigenous population, and often face unique barriers and discrimination that impacts their ability to fully participate in the social and economic opportunities available within our city and province; and

WHEREAS Halifax Regional Municipality (Kjipuktuk) is committed to realizing the principle of full and effective participation and inclusion in Society and equality of opportunity outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby recognize November 2023 as **Indigenous Disability Awareness Month (IDAM)** in Halifax Regional Municipality (Kjipuktuk).

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
This 1st day of November 2023.

Mike Savage
Mayor