

Mayoral Proclamation Video Transcript: DEAM 2022

Hi, I'm Mayor Mike Savage. On October 20th, this City Hall will be lit up in blue and purple to celebrate Disability Employment Awareness Month. We know that 1 in 5 Nova Scotians over the age of 15 identify as having a disability. Disability Employment Awareness Month provides opportunities for us to come together as a community and create awareness and take action around removing barriers to employment for people with disabilities.

Last year, Halifax Regional Council approved the municipal Accessibility Strategy, which addresses these barriers. The work will include recruiting, hiring, and providing accommodations for municipal employees who have disabilities.

Individuals with disabilities bring an incredible amount of talent and perspective to the workplace, and I encourage all citizens and all businesses to make their own inclusive hiring opportunities. I have a proclamation for this month, which I am going to read now.

Disability Employment Awareness Month
Oct 1st - 31st, 2022

WHEREAS, October is recognized as Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

The purpose of Disability Employment Awareness Month is to celebrate the contributions of persons with disabilities to our workforce and employers that are committed to create inclusive workplaces;

This is the 2nd year that this public awareness initiative has taken place here in the Halifax Regional Municipality; and

Halifax Regional Municipality encourages all of our citizens to celebrate Disability Employment Awareness Month by organizing awareness events and hosting activities to promote the contributions of persons with disabilities to our community, our businesses and our organizations.

Everybody takes time to become informed of these contributions and of the laws surrounding accessibility and employment equity.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim October as “Disability Employment Awareness Month” in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
The 1st day of October 2022.