



Proclamation

International Day of Persons with Disabilities December 3rd, 2025

WHEREAS there are over 1 billion people living in the world with some form of disability;

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 and have remained largely invisible in the mainstream development framework and its processes. In Halifax, advancing inclusion means strengthening support systems, expanding accessibility, and amplifying the voices of persons with disabilities in decision-making.

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 "Fostering Disability-Inclusive Societies for Advancing Social Progress" underscores that inclusion is a cornerstone of development. This year's theme emphasizes the essential link between inclusion and progress. It recognizes that societies advance when they embrace all people — especially persons with disabilities — as equal partners in community life. Rooted in Article 19 of the UN Convention, the theme promotes independent living, full participation, and respect for personal choice as pathways to social development.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Andy Fillmore, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, on the day of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, do hereby proclaim, December 3, 2025 as "International Day of Persons with Disabilities" in Halifax and that we can build a municipality that values diversity, equality, and human dignity as the foundation for social progress.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 3rd day of December 2025



Andy Fillmore
Mayor