



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

# Proclamation



## INDIGENOUS DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

NOVEMBER, 2018

**BE IT KNOWN** to whom these presents do concern;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Yellowknife is committed to creating an accessible and inclusive community;

**WHEREAS**, 25% of the population of Yellowknife is Indigenous peoples; and

**WHEREAS**, the rate of disability within the Indigenous population is conservatively estimated at 31% - at least two-times higher than that of the non-Indigenous population; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous peoples living with disabilities in our community face unique challenges as a marginalized population within a marginalized population; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous peoples in our community disproportionately face complex life barriers, from a legacy of colonialism that can cause disability, including: poverty, food insecurity, homelessness, victimization, trauma, and lack of resources; and

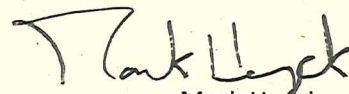
**WHEREAS**, disability services often rely on medical understandings of disability that undermine Indigenous community knowledge and experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous peoples living with disabilities are resilient and make important contributions to our community that must be honored; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mark Heyck, Mayor of the City of Yellowknife, by the power vested in me, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2018 as *Indigenous Disabilities Awareness Month* in the City of Yellowknife;

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Yellowknife to be affixed on this 22nd day of October, 2018.



  
Mark Heyck  
Mayor