



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Proclamation



NWT DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK

MAY 22 - 30, 2018

BE IT KNOWN to whom these presents do concern;

WHEREAS, the City of Yellowknife is committed to creating an inclusive society and supporting activities that raise awareness about issues of concern for persons living with disability in Yellowknife and across the NWT; and

WHEREAS, approximately 14.6 percent of people living in Yellowknife and across the Territory have a disability or disabilities, and that many more are impacted by disability through family members and/or friends living with disability; and

WHEREAS, a disability causes a person to experience limitations in the normal activities of daily living such as, but not limited to; education, employment, housing, income, recreation, social and personal life management. Disability categories can include sensory, physical, intellectual, cognitive, learning, and mental health and a disability can present as visible or non-visible, and as a singular diagnosis or with a dual diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the entire community benefits from the full participation of each of its citizens. Full citizenship includes equal access and full inclusion in education, employment, cultural and social events, recreation, living options, political input and decision-making; and

WHEREAS, at this time, full citizenship for people living with disability has not been achieved in Yellowknife or the Territory. We resolve to apply our entire efforts to increasing accessibility and creating a fully inclusive community;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark Heyck, Mayor of the City of Yellowknife, by the power vested in me do hereby proclaim May 22 - 30, 2018 as *Disability Awareness Week* in the City of Yellowknife and acknowledge this year's theme, "AccessAble – 40 Years of Inclusion in the North."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Yellowknife to be affixed this 14th day of May, A.D., 2018.



Mark Heyck
Mayor