



PROCLAMATION

“Indigenous Disability Awareness Month”

WHEREAS

Indigenous Peoples with disabilities often face unique barriers that impact their ability to fully participate in the social and economic opportunities available in our communities; and

AND WHEREAS

we are committed to the ideal of an inclusive society based on respect and understanding, where Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) with disabilities and the significant contributions they provide to our communities, organizations, provinces., territories and country are recognized, celebrated, and valued; and

AND WHEREAS

we are committed to upholding and safeguarding the principles outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), including full and effective participation and inclusion in society, equality of opportunity, and the United Nations CRPD International Committee’s recommendation to Canada to proclaim and recognize November each year as Indigenous Disability Awareness Month; and

AND WHEREAS

we wish to recognize and support Indigenous Disability Canada / British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society’s (IDC/BCANDS) creation of Indigenous Disability Awareness Month (IDAM) and join governments, urban and rural Indigenous communities, disability organizations, individuals living with disabilities and their families, from across the country and internationally, in recognizing and celebrating these diverse and vital members of our communities.

NOW THEREFORE

I, Ken Williams, Mayor of the District of Highlands, do hereby proclaim the month of November as “Indigenous Disability Awareness Month” in the District of Highlands.

Ken Williams, Mayor
District of Highlands

