



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

PROCLAMATION

MANITOBA ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS Manitobans with disabilities face a multitude of barriers that limit their enjoyment of many basic life activities that others take for granted; and

WHEREAS on March 11, 2010, Manitoba applauded Canada's decision to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS on December 5, 2013, Manitoba passed The Accessibility for Manitobans Act with the aim to prevent and remove barriers by working with the public and private sectors on long-range plans to ensure accessibility; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Human Rights Code (Manitoba) and The Accessibility for Manitobans Act reflect an abiding commitment to equitable access for persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS the valuable social and economic contributions of people with disabilities to society should be acknowledged; and

WHEREAS the public is often unaware of the barriers faced by Manitobans with disabilities, their effect and the measures that can be taken to reduce or remove the barriers.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT I, Nahanni Fontaine, Minister of Families and Minister responsible for Accessibility, do hereby proclaim and declare in perpetuity that the week starting on the last Sunday in May of every year shall be known as

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in an effort to raise disability awareness and promote accessibility across Manitoba.

"Original signed by"

Honourable Nahanni Fontaine
Minister of Families