



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** by November 2018, every Manitoba organization and business with at least one employee is called upon to take action to ensure accessible customer service; and

**WHEREAS** Manitoba's accessibility standard on employment aims to remove and prevent barriers affecting current and potential members of Manitoba's labour force; 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**, Heather Stefanson, Minister of Families, do hereby declare June 14 to 20, 2020, as:

### **MANITOBA ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK**

in an effort to raise disability awareness across Manitoba.

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Honourable Heather Stefanson  
Minister of Families