



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

PROCLAMATION

Indigenous Disability Awareness Month

WHEREAS The Manitoba government is committed to ensuring that people of all abilities have the opportunity to participate fully in everyday life. This includes Indigenous peoples with disabilities across the Province who disproportionately face a multitude of barriers that limit their opportunities and abilities to participate in society; and

WHEREAS we recognize the Manitoba government's commitment to advancing reconciliation, guided by the TRC's Calls to Action and the principles set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP); and

WHEREAS we are committed to work that establishes and maintains respectful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, to create a more equitable and inclusive society that recognizes Indigenous peoples with disabilities and the contributions they make to our province and country; and

WHEREAS we are committed to upholding and safeguarding the principles outlined in the UNDRIP, including full and effective participation and inclusion in society, equality of opportunity, and the United Nations recommendation to the Government of Canada to proclaim and recognize November each year as Indigenous Disability Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS we wish to recognize and support the British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society's creation of Indigenous Disability Awareness Month and join governments, urban and rural Indigenous communities, disability organizations, individuals with disabilities and their families across the country in recognizing and celebrating this diverse and important segment of our society; and

WHEREAS we wish to recognize that The Métis Nation British Columbia and BC First Nations Summit first proclaimed Indigenous Disability Awareness Month in 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT I, Rochelle Squires, Minister of Families, do hereby declare the month of November as:

INDIGENOUS DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

in an effort to raise awareness of the barriers facing Indigenous peoples living with disabilities across Manitoba.

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Honourable Rochelle Squires
Minister of Families