

# Proclamation

## Indigenous Disability Awareness Month (IDAM) November 2021

WHEREAS: The City of St. John's is committed to the ideal of an inclusive society based on respect and understanding where Indigenous (First Nation, Inuit Métis) peoples living with disabilities and the significant contributions they provide are celebrated and valued, and

WHEREAS: The British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (BCANDS) / Indigenous Disability Canada (IDC) is a national Indigenous disability organization working / advocating for positive change within Canada's disability sector; and

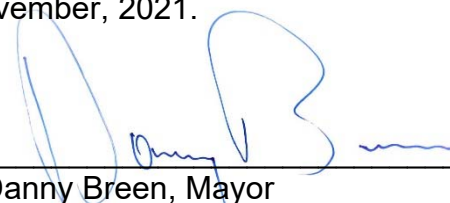
WHEREAS: Indigenous peoples across Canada experience a disability rate higher than Canada's non-Indigenous population and often face unique barriers and discrimination that impacts their ability to fully participate in the social and economic opportunities available within our city and province; and

WHEREAS: the City of St. John's is committed to upholding and safeguarding the principles outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), including full and effective participation and inclusion in Society and equality of opportunity, and

WHEREAS: By proclaiming the month of November as Indigenous Disability Awareness Month (IDAM), the City of St. John's wishes to join BCANDS / IDC, urban and rural Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, provinces, disability organizations, individuals living with disabilities and their families, in recognizing and celebrating this diverse and important segment of our society; and

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Danny Breen, do hereby proclaim November, as Indigenous Disability Awareness Month (IDAM) in the City of St. John's.

Signed at City Hall, St. John's, NL on this 1st day of November, 2021.



Danny Breen, Mayor