



PROCLAMATION
"INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DIVERSABILITIES"
DECEMBER 03/2015

- WHEREAS: more than one billion people – about 15 per cent of the world's population – live with some form of disability; and
- WHEREAS: around the world, persons with a range of disabilities face physical, social, economical and attitudinal barriers that exclude full and effective participation as equal members of society; and
- WHEREAS: evidence and experience show that when barriers to inclusion are removed and persons with disabilities participate fully in societal life, the entire community benefits; and
- WHEREAS: the UN General Assembly has promoted an International Day of Persons with Disabilities since 1992 with this year's theme being "inclusion matters: access and empowerment for people of all abilities"; and
- WHEREAS: Community Living BC, a BC Crown Corporation, works with individuals, families and community partners to build communities that are welcoming of people with developmental disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: "Diversability" is a word that an increasing number of people across British Columbia are using to raise awareness that people with developmental disabilities have abilities to contribute to their communities; and
- WHEREAS: the Cities of Victoria, Kelowna and Powell River have already agreed to annually declare Persons with Diversabilities Day to help increase inclusion and break down attitudinal barriers.

NOW THEREFORE I, Bill McKay, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim that December 03, 2015, be known as

"INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DIVERSABILITIES"

in the City of Nanaimo.



Bill McKay
MAYOR

DATED THIS 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015.

