



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DIVERSABILITIES”

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, economic 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, “The role of technology in Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Responses; Creating Enabling Working Environments; and Disability-Inclusive Sustainable Development Goals”; and*

WHEREAS *“Diversability” is a word that an increasing number of people across British Columbia are using to more accurately describe the abilities of people with developmental disabilities.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the day of December 3rd, 2014 as **“INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DIVERSABILITIES”** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA**, the **TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES** of the **ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 27th day of November, Two Thousand and Thirteen.



DEAN FORTIN
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
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