



Council Member Motion

**** LATE ITEM Committee of the Whole of December 2, 2021**

Date: December 2, 2021

From: Councillor Andrew

Subject: Proclamation – 2021 International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Rationale for late item:

International Day of Persons with Disabilities is December 3, 2021. Since the day is upon us and Council is responsible to recognize this day, it is respectfully suggested that council consider this proclamation at the December 2, 2021 Committee of the Whole

Background:

According to the United Nations, of the one billion population of persons with disabilities, 80% live in developing countries. An estimated 46% of older people aged 60 years and over are people with disabilities. One in every five women is likely to experience disability in her life, while one in every ten children is a child with a disability. Persons with disabilities in the world are among the hardest hit by COVID-19.

International days and weeks are occasions to educate the public on issues of concern, to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems, and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity.

As part of the City of Victoria's Short -Term Framework to address issues surrounding accessibility and disability, Council is assigned to recognize December 3rd as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Recommendation:

That Council declare Friday December 3, 2021 as International Day of People with Disabilities

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Andrew", with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

Councillor S. Andrew