



## **DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH October 2024**

**WHEREAS** persons with disabilities are valued members of Alberta and deserve the opportunity to live and work in their community where they are respected and rewarded for their efforts, skills, and accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS** persons with disabilities are contributing members of the workforce in Alberta and are a critical part of our effort to build a strong economy; and

**WHEREAS** there is a rich network of nonprofit agencies, practitioners, policy makers, consumer organizations, consumers and their families committed to promoting and strengthening employment opportunities for persons with disabilities in the Province of Alberta; and

**WHEREAS** Alberta's employers, both in the public and private sector, can benefit further from the positive outcomes empowering disabled persons to have equal opportunity to social inclusion, and sustained, meaningful employment; and

**WHEREAS** October is Disability Employment Awareness Month that has origins in the U.S. starting as far back as 1945. It was introduced in Canada in 2000 with Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Ontario proclaiming and celebrating over a decade ago; and

**WHEREAS** proclaiming October as Disability Employment Awareness Month will help raise awareness about disability employment issues and will serve to celebrate the contributions of persons with disabilities.

**THEREFORE** Members of Okotoks Town Council, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as Disability Employment Awareness Month in the Town of Okotoks, Alberta.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2024

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