



**NATIONAL ACCESS ABILITY WEEK
MAY 29 TO JUNE 4, 2022**

WHEREAS nearly 100,000 Albertans have some form of disability, accessibility and inclusion are essential for ensuring that all Albertans have access to opportunities and the ability to fully participate in community life; and

WHEREAS individuals are impacted daily by barriers to accessible information, independent access to facilities, to employment, transportation, and accessible communication supports. Such barriers often impact an individual's ability to fully participate in community life. National Access Ability Week is an opportunity to celebrate accessibility and increase our efforts to become an accessible community; and

WHEREAS Barrier Free Alberta works within the province to prevent additional barriers and to remove existing barriers for all Albertans.

THEREFORE I, Mayor Tanya Thorn, proclaim May 29 to June 4, 2022 as National Access Ability Week in the Town of Okotoks and encourage all citizens to support equality of access, opportunity, and outcomes and remove any barriers in society for people with disabilities.

Dated this 24th day of May, 2022

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Tanya Thorn
Mayor