

PROCLAMATION

Disability Employment Awareness Month D.E.A.M.

- 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, in both public and private sectors, 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, and 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, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT WE, Members of the Okotoks Town Council, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as Disability Employment Awareness Month (D.E.A.M) in the Town of Okotoks, Alberta.

Dated this: 8th day of September, 2025

Signed by: ORIGINAL SIGNED

