

A PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS we are committed to the ideal of an inclusive society based on respect and understanding, where Indigenous persons (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) living with disabilities and the significant contributions they provide are celebrated and valued. And

WHEREAS we are committed to upholding and safeguarding the principles outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, including full and effective participation and inclusion in society, equality of opportunity, and the United Nations recommendation to the Government of Canada to proclaim and recognize November each year as Indigenous Disability Awareness Month. And

WHEREAS Indigenous persons living with disabilities often face unique barriers that impact their ability to fully participate in the social and economic opportunities available in our communities. And

WHEREAS we wish to recognize and support the British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society's creation of Indigenous Disability Awareness Month (IDAM) and join governments, urban and rural Indigenous communities, disability organizations, individuals with disabilities and their families across the country in recognizing and celebrating this diverse and important segment of our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, Plan Institute, do hereby proclaim and declare the month of November annually as:

Indigenous Disability Awareness Month

Dated this 3rd day of November, 2020

Stephanie Debisschop, Executive Director of Plan Institute

