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Good Afternoon Everyone,

Access West Shore Society encourages everyone and Councils to support this proclamation.

Marnie Essery, President, Access West Shore Society

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From: Neil Belanger via [groups.io](#) [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, Oct 15, 2025 at 8:22 AM
Subject: [DisabilityCanada] November 2025 - 11th Anniversary of Indigenous Disability Awareness Month (IDAM)
To: [REDACTED]

Dear Colleagues and friends.

November, 2025 marks the 11th Anniversary of Indigenous Disability Awareness Month (IDAM) in Canada and internationally. Created in 2015 by IDC/BCANDS, IDAM recognizes the overwhelming contributions Indigenous Peoples bring to all our communities, as well as highlighting the unique barriers they often face.

IDAM is recognized and proclaimed by countless provinces, organizations and communities across Canada and internationally, and has been recommended by the UN CRPD Committee, to the Government of Canada, to be declared annually. If your organization or community has not yet declared the month, we would invite you to join those who have, and help raise awareness of Indigenous disability in Canada, and celebrate Indigenous Peoples with disabilities!

If you would like to officially declare the month please click on the link below, fill in the proclamation, and return to us at: bcands@bcands.bc.ca

<https://www.bcands.bc.ca/indigenous-disability-awareness-month-idam/>

For more information on IDAM, please visit: [Indigenous Disability Awareness Month - Wikipedia](#)

Thank you everyone, please share as able, and stay well.

Neil

Neil Belanger

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Indigenous Disability Canada / British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society

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A PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS Indigenous Peoples 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 are committed to the ideal of an inclusive society based on respect and understanding, where Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) with disabilities and the significant contributions they provide to our communities, organizations, provinces, territories and country are recognized, 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 (CRPD), including full and effective participation and inclusion in society, equality of opportunity, and the United Nations CRPD International Committee's recommendation to Canada to proclaim and recognize November each year as Indigenous Disability Awareness Month. And

WHEREAS we wish to recognize and support Indigenous Disability Canada / British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society's (IDC/BCANDS) creation of Indigenous Disability Awareness Month (IDAM) and join governments, urban and rural Indigenous communities, disability organizations, individuals living with disabilities and their families, from across the country and internationally, in recognizing and celebrating these diverse and vital members of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, (type name here), do hereby proclaim and declare annually the month of November as:

Indigenous Disability Awareness Month



Dated this type date here day of type month here, 2025



type name / organization name here type signature here

Name and Title

Signature

IDAM 2025