



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

# PROCLAMATION

## DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS** persons with disabilities are valued members of our province 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 Manitoba and are a critical part of our effort to build a strong economy; and
- WHEREAS** there is a rich network of non-profit agencies, practitioners, policy makers, consumer organizations, school divisions, consumers and their families committed to promoting and strengthening employment opportunities for persons with disabilities in the Province of Manitoba; and
- WHEREAS** Manitoba's employers, both in the public and private sector, can benefit further from the positive outcomes of hiring more persons with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS** National Disability Employment Awareness Month has been formally proclaimed each October in the United States since 1988 and is enjoying its third year in Canada; and
- WHEREAS** adopting October as Disability Employment Awareness Month in Manitoba will help raise awareness about disability employment issues and will serve to celebrate the contributions of persons with disabilities.

### NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT WE,

Jennifer Howard, Minister responsible for Persons with Disabilities; Stan Struthers, Minister responsible for the Civil Service; and, Peter Bjornson, Minister of Entrepreneurship Training and Trade, do hereby jointly proclaim the month of October as

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in Manitoba and in so doing, we commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our province and further call upon all Manitobans to celebrate the contributions of individuals with disabilities to our workplaces and communities, and to promote the employment of individuals with disabilities to create a better, more inclusive Manitoba.

JENNIFER HOWARD  
Minister responsible for Persons  
with Disabilities

PETER BJORNSON  
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Training and Trade

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