



International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 3, 2025

Whereas, International Day of Persons with Disabilities is recognized worldwide on December 3 and was first proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1992; and

Whereas, Over one billion people, or approximately one in eight, live with some form of disability and too often face discrimination, differential treatment or barriers to access; and

Whereas, All who live, work and visit Smoky Lake benefit from the invaluable contributions of people with disabilities in every aspect of life; and

Whereas, the Town of Smoky Lake is committed to reducing barriers, improving access, and integrating a Diversity, Inclusion, Equality and Belonging (DIEB) lens into decision making, planning and service delivery; and

Whereas, Observance of this day is an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of people with disabilities, promote an understanding of barriers faced by people with disabilities, and mobilize support for the dignity, rights, access, and well-being of people with disabilities;

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Whereas, On International Day of Persons with Disabilities, we recognize and celebrate the equal rights and dignity of persons with disabilities everywhere and reaffirm our commitment to building a world where people with disabilities are afforded the opportunities, independence, and respect they deserve; and

NOW, THEREFORE, that I, Amy Cherniwchan, Mayor of the Town of Smoky Lake, Alberta, do hereby designate December 3, 2025, as "International Day of Persons with Disabilities" in the Town of Smoky Lake, and encourage citizens in our community to celebrate and acknowledge this day.

Original Signed
Amy Cherniwchan
Mayor