

## **PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS "National AccessAbility Week" is recognized as the last Sunday in May, ending with the first Saturday in June in support of building an accessible Canada; and
- **WHEREAS** "Access 4 Disabilities" is a non-profit corporation in Red Deer with a mandate to increase accessibility awareness and enhance the lives of people in the community living with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS The City of Red Deer's commitment to creating a welcoming and safe space positioned Capstone to receive a CSA/RHFAC Certified GOLD Rating as part of the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ Program;
- **WHEREAS** "Access 4 Disabilities" offers Designated RHFAC Professional expertise to Municipalities with gap analysis of building permit applications ensuring accessibility codes and standards are followed; and.
- **WHEREAS** "Access 4 Disabilities" provides insight for employers and educators of persons with disabilities to create inclusive workplace and educational environments; and
- **WHEREAS** The City of Red Deer supports open communication for persons with disabilities through the Welcoming and Inclusion Committee.

## NOW THEREFORE

I, Ken Johnston, Mayor of the City of Red Deer, encourage Council and all Red Deerians to support persons with disabilities and recognize "Access 4 Disabilities" throughout the year and particularly during this commemorative week.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of The City of Red Deer to be affixed.

Ken Johnston

Mayor