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**RE: Disability Employment Awareness Month proclaimed in the Town of Amherst**

**AMHERST, Nova Scotia** – The month of October has been proclaimed Disability Employment Awareness Month in the Town of Amherst.

“Persons with disabilities are valued members of our community,” Mayor David Kogon said on Monday, Oct. 3, 2022, as he signed the proclamation on behalf of the Amherst town council.

“They deserve the opportunity to live and work in a town where they are respected and rewarded for their efforts, skills and accomplishments. Employers in the public and private sectors can benefit from the positive outcomes of hiring more persons with disabilities.”



AMHERST MAYOR DAVID KOGON SIGNS A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER TO BE DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST. (TOM McCOAG / TOWN OF AMHERST)

Bringing attention to the issue is part of the town’s ongoing effort to become a more inclusive society, the mayor said.

“The Amherst town council believes every citizen, regardless of race, sexual orientation, physical or mental capabilities or religion, must be able to participate fully and equitably in our community if we are to truly have a healthy, prosperous, inclusive and





environmentally sustainable town in which people of all ages, abilities and cultures are proud to live, work and play in,” Kogon said.

“Persons with disabilities are contributing members of the workforce and are a critical part of our efforts to build a strong economy. I would encourage local employers to learn about the benefits of hiring people with disabilities and to hire persons with disabilities because their business will benefit from employing them.”

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