PROCLAMATION Access Awareness Week May 28 – June 3, 2023

WHEREAS, the week of May 28 – June 3, 2023 is recognized as Access Awareness Week; and

Access Awareness Week aims to celebrate achievements made both by and for persons with disabilities in the areas of accessibility, transportation, housing, employment, recreation, education and communication; and

WHEREAS, this is the 37th year that this public awareness initiative has taken place in Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2023 Access Awareness Week is *Access includes Everyone Moving the Bar on Quality of Life*; and

WHEREAS, accessibility barriers are many and interconnected, removing and preventing them is challenging and complex; and

WHEREAS, the foundation of Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act is to provide, support, and protect the rights of persons with disabilities to full inclusion and accessibility by the identification, prevention and removal of accessibility barriers; and

Access Awareness Week promotes the inclusion of all Nova Scotians with disabilities as full citizens within our communities; and