



## 2018 Global Day of Inclusion Proclamation by the City of Langley

A Proclamation to declare July 21, 2018, as the “Global Day of Inclusion” in the City of Langley.

WHEREAS, 2018 marks the 50th Anniversary of the global Special Olympics movement, with the first International Special Olympics Games being held on 20 July 1968 at Soldier Field in Chicago, Illinois, USA; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics’ vision for a more inclusive world has grown over 50 years to become a global movement for change and social justice that uses sport, health, and education to empower people with and without intellectual disabilities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics is the global leader - with more than five million participants in more than 170 countries – in providing continuing opportunities through sports for people with intellectual disabilities to realize their potential, develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and experience joy and friendship; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics builds communities of understanding, inclusion, and respect; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics’ goal for the next 50 years is to end discrimination against people with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2018, Special Olympics will kick off a one-year 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics is calling for people around the world to commit to making their communities more inclusive by joining in a “Global Day of Inclusion” on July 21, 2018;

Let it be proclaimed by the City of Langley, B.C., that members of this legislative body congratulate Special Olympics International on its 50th anniversary. The City of Langley, B.C. recognizes and applauds Special Olympics for 50 years of building a more inclusive world and empowering people with and without intellectual disabilities, and encourage the citizens of Langley of all ages to join in their local Special Olympics organizations’ activities on this day of celebration and unity.

We hereby proclaim our support of Special Olympics British Columbia and declare July 21, 2018 as a “Global Day of Inclusion” in the City of Langley.