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Indigenous peoples across Canada experience a disability rate that is significantly higher than that of the general population. [Indigenous Disability Awareness Month \(IDAM\)](#) brings awareness of these barriers and the issues that Indigenous peoples living with disabilities and their families face every day. In spite of these barriers, there is much to celebrate. IDAM highlights the achievements of Indigenous peoples living with disabilities and recognizes the significant and valuable contributions they make to our communities, socially, economically and culturally. IDAM was created by the [British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society \(BCANDS\)](#) in 2015.

Beginning in 2021, the Manitoba government is proclaiming the month of November as Indigenous Disability Awareness Month (IDAM). Manitoba is the third province to officially proclaim IDAM.

We encourage you and your organization to get involved and recognize the valuable contributions that Indigenous peoples living with disabilities bring to our communities.

- [Learn more about BCANDS and IDAM.](#)
- Recognize IDAM within your organization.
- Host a virtual community or organizational event.

The [Manitoba Accessibility Office](#) will be highlighting Manitoba IDAM events at the beginning of November on their [website](#) and in [Accessibility News](#) (an e-newsletter). If your organization is hosting an event and would like to be featured, please contact Erika Vas (erika.vas@gov.mb.ca).