

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Mayor Sutcliffe Presents Proclamation Day for ABLE2: Support for People with Disabilities for its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Ottawa, ON** – On Wednesday, City of Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe honours ABLE2: Support for People with Disabilities with a Proclamation Day for December 3, 2024, in recognition of the organization's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This special recognition was presented at the Office of Mayor Sutcliffe at 110 Laurier W Ave at 12:30 p.m. EST.

ABLE2 has been a cornerstone of providing essential programs and services to empower individuals with disabilities and their families for five decades. The Proclamation Day certificate recognizes the organization's dedication and the positive impact it has made in the community. The celebration coincides with the United Nations' International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, which aligns with ABLE2's mission and vision.

"We are thrilled to celebrate and share this milestone with the community. This recognition from Mayor Sutcliffe is a testament to the hard work, commitment of our team, volunteers and supporters for the last 50 years," said Heather Lacey, Executive Director of ABLE2. "To be recognized on UN's International Day of Persons with Disabilities underscores our shared commitment to promoting inclusion and accessibility."

"ABLE2 has supported more than 250,000 individuals and family members since its foundation in 1974. We have witnessed the incredible transformations, such as gaining independence, developing meaningful and intentional friendships, and a meaningful quality of life," said Thony Jean-Baptiste, Director of Programs of ABLE2.

ABLE2 is a charitable organization that empowers individuals with disabilities to lead fulfilling lives by supporting them with programs, services, and resources. People with disabilities face many barriers to their full participation in society, they can include stigma, discrimination, poverty, exclusion from employment, and inequities in the education, health care and legal systems. Visit [www.able2.org](http://www.able2.org) to learn more.

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