

International Day of People with Disabilities - December 3, 2009
Message from Judge David M. Arnot, Chief Commissioner

On December 3rd, people all over the world will observe the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The United Nations General Assembly set aside this day in 1982 to recognize the need to change attitudes towards persons living with disabilities and eliminate barriers that keep them from participating in all areas of life.

Over the past year, discrimination based on disability accounted for the largest group of complaints made to the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission (42.9% of all complaints). As a province we have advanced in ensuring the rights of people with disabilities are protected, however we have room to grow.

As a province let us work together to understand the issues people with disabilities face and endeavor to work with them to develop accommodations that work, so they can fully participate in the social and economic development of our communities.

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