



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

# PROCLAMATION

## SPINAL CORD INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS** There are nearly 1,000 people currently living with spinal cord injuries in Manitoba, and in 2010 over 55 Manitobans, and approximately 1,000 Canadians faced the reality of sustaining a spinal cord injury; and
- WHEREAS** the Canadian Paraplegic Association (Manitoba) Inc. was founded in 1945 by a group of World War II veterans with spinal cord injury, who were determined not to spend the remainder of the lives in hospitals; and
- WHEREAS** the Canadian Paraplegic Association (Manitoba) Inc. is committed to assist people with spinal cord injuries towards independence, self-reliance and full community participation; and
- WHEREAS** for 65 years, the Canadian Paraplegic Association (Manitoba) Inc. has been a leading provider of services for persons with spinal cord injury, advocating within the community, as well as providing individualized rehabilitation services through professional staff and a peer support model
- NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT I**, Jennifer Howard, Minister responsible for Persons with Disabilities, do hereby declare the month of May 2011 as:

## *SPINAL CORD INJURY AWARENESS MONTH*

in an effort to raise awareness throughout Manitoba.

Honourable Jennifer Howard  
Minister responsible for  
Persons with Disabilities

