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## FACT SHEET FOR NATIONAL MOBILITY AWARENESS MONTH

National Mobility Awareness Month is the tenth annual May celebration that encourages people with disabilities to enjoy an active, mobile lifestyle by making them aware of the many automotive mobility solutions provided by members of the National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association (NMEDA).

### STATISTICS

#### United States and Canada (Mobility)

- Over 18 million people in the United States and Canada have mobility issues.
- Six million of the 18 million people are veterans.
- There are nearly 18,000 new spinal cord injuries each year in the United States.
- Mobility challenges are the most common disability among older Americans.
- 15.7 million people say they have difficulty walking or climbing stairs.
- Stroke reduces mobility in more than 50% of stroke survivors ages 65 and over.
- Nearly 40% of people 65+ have at least one disability.

#### United States and Canada (Disability)

- 61 million adults in the United States live with a disability.
- Canada is home to 6.2 million people with one or more disabilities.
- 26% (one in four) adults in the United States have some type of disability.
- 22% (one in five) people ages 15+ in Canada identify with having a disability.
- Caregivers spend an average of 24 hours per week providing assistance for their loved ones.

Auto mobility equipment is available for people with disabilities, enabling them to enjoy active, mobile lifestyles.

**Mobility is a right, not a privilege.**

*Sources Include: Canadian Survey on Disability, 2017  
Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Family Caregiver Alliance  
Statista, The Miami Project, The United States Census Bureau*

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