



PROCLAMATION

World Autism Awareness Day

- Whereas,** *World Autism Awareness Day was first recognized on April 2, 2016 in Canada;*
- Whereas,** *Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is now recognized as the most common neurological disorder affecting more than 100,000 Ontarians, 1 in every 66 children, as well as their friends, family and community;*
- Whereas,** *ASD is a spectrum disorder, which means it not only manifests itself differently in every individual in whom it appears, but its characteristics will change over the life of each individual as well;*
- Whereas,** *Autism Ontario (formerly Autism Society Ontario) is the leading source of information and referral on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community who since 1973, has been providing support, information and opportunities for thousands of families across the province;*
- Whereas,** *Autism Ontario is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals with whom they interact;*
- Whereas** *The association and its chapters share common goals of providing information and education, supporting research, and advocating for programs and services for the autism community; and*
- Now, Therefore,** *I, Allan Thompson, Mayor of the Town of Caledon, do hereby proclaim*

April 2, 2022

as

“World Autism Awareness Day”

in the Town of Caledon and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.

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Mayor Allan Thompson