



# PROCLAMATION

- Whereas, World Autism Awareness Day is recognized annually on April 2nd; and*
- Whereas, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects more than 135,000 Ontarians on the autism spectrum and ASD is now recognized as the most common neurological disorder affecting 1 in every 66 children, as well as their friends, family and community; and*
- Whereas, ASD is a spectrum disorder, which means it not only manifests itself differently in every individual as well. A child with ASD will become an adult with ASD; and*
- Whereas, Autism Ontario and its chapters share common goals of providing information and education, supporting research, advocating for programs and services for the autism community; and*
- Whereas, They are 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; and*
- Whereas, This year Autism Speaks Canada's campaign initiative is to "Light us Up" to show support, understanding and acceptance for people with autism;*

*Therefore, I, Annette Groves, Mayor of the Town of Caledon, hereby do proclaim*

**April 2nd, 2024**  
**as**  
**"World Autism Awareness Day"**

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

*Annette Groves*

*Mayor Annette Groves, Town of Caledon*