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Proclamation

Event: World Autism Day

Date: April 2, 2025

“Whereas World Autism Day is recognized on April 2, 2025 in Canada; and

Whereas Autism Ontario is one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community, and the work they do helps all autistic individuals and families in their communities have access to meaningful support, information, and connections — not only on April 2nd but every day throughout the year; and

Whereas Autism impacts more than 135,000 individuals in Ontario, representing 1 in every 50 Canadian children and youth; and

Whereas Autism not only influences the lives of autistics but also their friends, families, and communities and it is crucial to raise awareness, and acceptance, provide support and promote a more inclusive society; and

Whereas Autism is a diverse spectrum that varies widely among individuals, each person's experience with autism can change over time; and

Whereas this evolving journey highlights the uniqueness of every autistic individual, emphasizing the need for understanding and support tailored to their specific needs; and

Whereas Autism Ontario is the leading source of information and referral on autism, and since 1973, has been providing support, information, and opportunities for thousands of families and individuals across the province; and

Whereas Autism Ontario is devoted to raising public awareness about autism and addressing the everyday challenges faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals who work alongside them; and

Whereas Autism Ontario urges everyone to recognize and celebrate the unique differences and needs of others, fostering an inclusive environment where all individuals can participate fully in activities and discussions; and

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Whereas together, we can create a society that values and includes everyone;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Warden Brian Ostrander, on behalf of Northumberland County Council, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2025 as 'World Autism Day' in Northumberland County, and encourage all Northumberland County community members to commit to embracing awareness and acceptance today and every day throughout the year."

Dated this 19th day of March, 2025

Brian Ostrander, Warden