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Subject: [External] Celebrate the Spectrum on World Autism Awareness Day: Autism Ontario Invites You to “Fly the Flag” on April 2nd, 2024

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Sent via email: mayor@vaughan.ca

Mayor Steven Del Duca
Office of the Mayor
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan ON L6A 1T1

Dear Mayor Del Duca,

World Autism Day is fast approaching. This is an excellent opportunity for your municipality to show support for autistic individuals across Ontario and in your communities.

Join Autism Ontario as we *Celebrate the Spectrum* this World Autism Day by purchasing a flag for our “Fly the Flag” campaign and formally proclaiming **April 2, 2024, as World Autism Awareness Day** to show your autism support. See attached proclamation request.

A flag can be purchased from our website at
<https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=53>.

What is Celebrate the Spectrum?

Celebrate the Spectrum is our theme for World Autism Day celebrations. It is an opportunity for positive action to provide spaces of support and advocacy for our diverse communities while learning about autism, and how we can all make our communities better for autistic individuals. Similar to previous Autism Ontario World Autism Day campaigns, Celebrate the Spectrum unites families, schools, communities, businesses, government, and professionals in recognizing World Autism Day by celebrating people on the autism spectrum and bringing to light the systemic barriers that must be removed to create a more supportive and inclusive Ontario.

We are always available to help with resources and ideas on how you can get involved. *We hope you will Celebrate the Spectrum with us!* I can be reached via email or at the telephone number below to assist.

Take care,

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(Mayor name or designate) of the city of (city name) do hereby proclaim
April 2 as World Autism Day

- WHEREAS:** World Autism Day will be recognized on April 2, 2024, in Canada thanks to Senator Jim Munson’s Bill S-206, *An Act Respecting World Autism Awareness Day*; and
- WHEREAS:** Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects more than 135,000 Ontarians. Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurodevelopmental disorder affecting 1 in every 66 Canadian children, as well as their friends, family, and community; and approximately 1 - 2% of the Canadian population is on the autism spectrum.
- 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 person as well. A child on the autism spectrum will become an adult on the autism spectrum; and
- WHEREAS:** Autism Ontario is the leading source of information and referral on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community. Since 1973, Autism Ontario has been providing support, information, and opportunities for thousands of families and individuals 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. The association and its Regions share common goals of providing information and education, supporting research, and advocating for programs and services for the autism community; and
- THEREFORE:** I (Mayor Name or Designate), do hereby declare April 2 as World Autism Day.

Dated at (municipality), Ontario this 2nd day of April, 2024.

(Nom du maire ou de son représentant désigné) de la ville
de (nom de la ville), proclame, par la présente,
Le 2 avril Journée mondiale de l'autisme



- ATTENDU :** Que la Journée mondiale de l'autisme sera reconnue officiellement au Canada, le 2 avril 2024, grâce au sénateur Jim Munson qui a présenté et fait adopter le projet de loi S-206 instituant la *Loi sur la Journée mondiale de sensibilisation à l'autisme*; et
- ATTENDU :** Que le trouble du spectre de l'autisme affecte plus de 135 000 personnes en Ontario. Le trouble du spectre de l'autisme est un trouble neurodéveloppemental qui touche un enfant canadien sur 66 ainsi que leurs amis, leurs familles et la collectivité; environ 1 à 2 % de la population canadienne est aux prises avec le trouble du spectre de l'autisme.
- ATTENDU :** Que le trouble du spectre de l'autisme (TSA) se manifeste différemment chez chaque personne qu'il touche et que ses caractéristiques se modifieront tout au long de la vie de chacun. Autrement dit, un enfant autiste deviendra un adulte autiste.
- ATTENDU :** Qu'Autisme Ontario est la principale source d'information et de référence sur l'autisme et l'une des plus importantes voix collectives qui représentent la communauté autiste. Que, depuis 1973, Autisme Ontario fournit un soutien, de l'information et des possibilités à exploiter à des milliers de familles, dans l'ensemble de la province;
- ATTENDU :** Qu'Autisme Ontario ne ménage aucun effort pour sensibiliser le public à l'autisme et aux difficultés quotidiennes auxquelles sont confrontés les personnes autistes elles-mêmes, leurs familles et les professionnels qui interviennent auprès d'elles. Que l'association et ses régions partagent des buts communs d'information et d'éducation, de soutien à la recherche et de revendication de programmes et de services pour la communauté de l'autisme; et
- POUR CES MOTIFS :** Je, (maire de la ville ou son remplaçant désigné), déclare, par la présente, que le 2 avril devient Journée mondiale de l'autisme.

Fait à (nom de la municipalité), Ontario, ce 2e jour d'avril 2024.