



Proclamation

April 2, 2024

World Autism Awareness Day

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 in whom it appears, but its characteristics will change over the life of each 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 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; and

Whereas, this year Autism Speaks Canada's campaign initiative is to "Light is Up" to show support, understanding and acceptance for people with autism; and

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Lisa Post, and on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2024, as "**World Autism Awareness Day**" in the Town of Orangeville and urge all citizens of our community to create a more inclusive world for people with ASD.

Lisa Post
Mayor