



Proclamation

October 17, 2024

Light it Up! For NDEAM® (National Disability Employment Awareness Month)

Whereas, Light it Up! For NDEAM® spotlights the many ways people who have a disability contribute to businesses and their communities, demonstrating how disability inclusion in employment can drive success and competitiveness; and

Whereas, Light it Up! For NDEAM® is the main event of Ontario Disability Employment Network (“ODEN”) and is a national movement celebrating its fifth anniversary with a one-night coordinated special lighting event which occurs on the third Thursday of every October; and

Whereas, in 2023, almost 700 locations in nearly 150 communities across Canada illuminated in purple and blue. This nationwide collaboration involves ODEN, the Canadian Association for Supported Employment, MentorAbility Canada, the federal government, municipal and provincial governments, Jobs Ability Canada, and many community-based agencies. It is this collective effort that makes "Light It Up! For NDEAM®" a powerful event in big cities, small towns, and rural communities from coast to coast; and

Whereas, the Town of Orangeville encourages local business and community members to participate by illuminating key landmarks in purple and blue;

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Lisa Post, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim **October 17, 2024** as “**Light it Up! For NDEAM® Day**” in the Town of Orangeville.

Lisa Post
Mayor