



PROCLAMATION

World Autism Day - April 2

WHEREAS, World Autism Day is recognized on April 2 in Canada. Autism Ontario is one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community, and the work we do helps all autistic individuals and families in their communities have access to meaningful support, information, and connections — not only on April 2 but every day throughout the year.

WHEREAS, Autism impacts more than 135,000 individuals in Ontario, representing 1 in every 50 Canadian children and youth. It not only influences the lives of autistics but also their friends, families, and communities. It is crucial for us to raise awareness, and acceptance, provide support and promote a more inclusive society.

WHEREAS, Autism is a diverse spectrum that varies widely among individuals. Each person's experience with autism can change over time. This evolving journey highlights the uniqueness of every autistic individual, emphasizing the need for understanding and support tailored to their specific needs.

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.

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. We urge 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. Together, we can create a society that values and includes everyone.

THEREFORE, I, Steve Ferguson, Mayor of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, do hereby recognize April 2 as World Autism Day.

DATED at Picton this 24th day of March 2026
Mayor Steve Ferguson