



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
FRANK CAMPION**

**PROCLAMATION
“WORLD AUTISM DAY”**

April 2, 2024

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- WHEREAS,** World Autism Day will be recognized on April 2, 2024, in Canada thanks to Liberal Senator Jim Munson’s Bill S-206, *An Act Respecting World Autism Day*; and
- WHEREAS,** Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects more than 135,000 Ontarians. Autism Spectrum Disorder 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 (formerly Autism Society 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 across the province; and
- 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 chapters share common goals of providing information and education, supporting research, and advocating for programs and services for the autism community.

NOW THEREFORE I, FRANK CAMPION, Mayor of the City of Welland

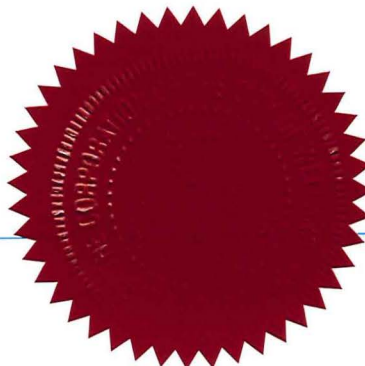
do hereby declare April 2, 2024 as

“WORLD AUTISM DAY”

within the limits of the City of Welland.

In witness whereof, I have herewith set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Welland to be affixed.

Mayor’s Office
April 2024




Frank Campion
Mayor