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To: Jamie Eckenswiller <clerk@westgrey.com>
Subject: Fly the Flag on April 2, 2025, for World Autism Day

Dear Office of the Clerk, Municipality of West Grey,

Autism Ontario is a charitable organization founded in 1973, and we are privileged to support the autism community of West Grey. We have more than 50 years of supporting, representing, and advocating for all autistic individuals across the province regardless of race, ethnicity, income, religion, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Join Autism Ontario as we *Celebrate the Spectrum* this upcoming World Autism Day by flying your flag for our “Fly the Flag” campaign and formally proclaiming **April 2, 2025, as World Autism Day**. This is an excellent opportunity for your municipality to show support for autistic individuals across Ontario and in your communities.

You can purchase a flag through our website at
<https://celebratethespectrum.com/shop/>

What is Celebrate the Spectrum?

Celebrate the Spectrum is our campaign 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. Our campaign theme is tie-dye, symbolizing the beautiful uniqueness and individuality of every autistic person. Celebrate the Spectrum unites families, schools, communities, businesses, government, and professionals in recognizing World Autism Day by celebrating autistic people 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. Let's come together and embrace our diversity, exploring endless possibilities in every pattern!

Let us know if you will be flying the flag! Register your municipality [here](#).

I can be reached via email or at the telephone number below. Thank you for your time and I look forward to connecting with you soon.

With appreciation,
Erika Luoma
Fund and Volunteer Coordinator, Mom of an Autistic Adult

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A Proclamation on World Autism Day 2025

Whereas:

World Autism Day is recognized on April 2, 2025, 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's 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.

Now Therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that I, (insert Mayor name or designate), do hereby recognize April 2 as World Autism Day while committing to embrace awareness and acceptance today and every day throughout the year.

Dated at (municipality), Ontario this 2nd day of April 2025.