



CITY OF KINGSTON

Proclamation

World Autism Day

April 2, 2025

Whereas World Autism Awareness Day will be recognized on April 2nd, 2025, in Canada thanks to Senator Jim Munson's Bill S-206, An Act Respecting World Autism Awareness Day; and

Whereas Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects more than 135,000 Ontarians. Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurodevelopmental disorder affecting 1 in every 66 Canadian children, as well as their friends, family and community, and approximately 1-2% of the Canadian population is on the spectrum; 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 on the autism spectrum will become an adult on the autism spectrum; and

Whereas Autism 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.

Therefore, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, hereby proclaim April 2, 2025 as "World Autism Day" in the City of Kingston.

Dated at Kingston this 5th day of March, 2025

Bryan Paterson
Mayor