



PROCLAMATION

WORLD AUTISM DAY

APRIL 2, 2026

WHEREAS Autism impacts more than 135,000 individuals in Ontario, representing 1 in every 50 Canadian children and youth. It also influences their friends, families, and communities. It's crucial for us to raise awareness, and acceptance, provide support and promote a more inclusive society;

AND 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;

AND 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. Autism Ontario urges 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, a society that values and includes everyone can be created.

THEREFORE, I, Ann Lawlor, Mayor, of the Town of Halton Hills do hereby proclaim April 2, 2026 as **World Autism Day**.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Lawlor".

Ann Lawlor
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills