Proclamation

April 2, 2026 / April 2026
World Autism Awareness Day
World Autism Awareness Month

Whereas, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects more than 135,000 Ontarians on the autism spectrum and ASD is now recognized as the most common neurological disorder affecting 1 in every 50 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 is 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 and its chapters share common goals of providing information and education, supporting research, advocating for programs and services for the autism community and 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;

Whereas, the Dufferin Autism Committee will host its annual Autism Walk for the 10th consecutive year on Sunday, September 27, 2026. This event brings together individuals with ASD, their families, and members of the broader community to promote education, raise awareness and foster acceptance;

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Lisa Post, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2026 as "World Autism Day" and the month of April as "World Autism Month" in the Town of Orangeville and urge all citizens of our community to create a more inclusive world for people with ASD and to celebrate inclusion and strengthen community support for individuals living with ASD.

Lisa Post
Mayor