

# Proclamation



## The Corporation of the Town of Amherstburg

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### *"World Autism Day"* *April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026*

**WHEREAS:** World Autism Day is recognized on April 2, 2026, in Canada. Autism Ontario is one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community in Ontario. The work we do helps autistic individuals and their families in their communities have access to meaningful support, information, and connections – not only on April 2 but every day throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS:** More than 323,000 children and youth in Ontario are autistic, representing about 1 in 50 youth under 18 in Canada. Ontario's built environments and social systems, and how they are developed and maintained, influence not only autistic people but also their families, friends, and communities; and

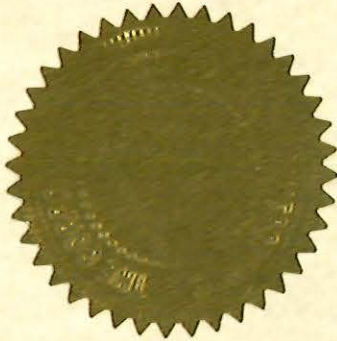
**WHEREAS:** Autistic people experience social and built environments differently, and these experiences can change over time. Assuming these environments are universally accessible is flawed, and recognizing this is the first step toward meaningful, positive change; and

**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 autistic individuals and their families across the province; and

**WHEREAS:** Autism Ontario is dedicated to promoting autism acceptance, inclusion, and celebrating autistic joy. We encourage everyone to learn how to identify and remove the accessibility barriers autistic people face and help build a more equitable Ontario; and

**THEREFORE: I, Deputy Mayor Chris Gibb, on behalf of the Town of Amherstburg,  
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**

**APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026  
"WORLD AUTISM DAY"  
IN THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG**



Handwritten signature of Chris Gibb in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Chris Gibb, Deputy Mayor