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Subject: Raise the Flag for Austim

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To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Good Morning,

My name is Julie Densham and I am the Regional Fundraising and Finance Coordinator for Autism Ontario, supporting the Central West Region. We have recently launched the provincial wide 6th annual **Raise the Flag** campaign that will take place on April 2nd, 2019. Through the simple act of raising a flag we unite families, schools, communities, government and professionals in recognizing World Autism Awareness Day.

More information on Raise the Flag can be found on our website: <https://raisetheflagforautism.com/>

I'm writing to you on behalf of Autism Ontario-Hamilton Chapter. We are interested in organizing an official flag raising ceremony and proclamation at the City of Hamilton. We are kindly requesting the mayor's attendance at the flag raising ceremony. Attached to this email you will find the following items for your reference:

- A formal invitation
- Proclamation

The Flag Raising Ceremony will take place on Tuesday April 2nd, 2019 with flexibility to have this event in the morning or afternoon based on the mayor's availability. We are kindly asking that you confirm your participation via email by March 12th, 2019.

If there is further information you require, please contact me directly by email at julie@autismontario.com or phone 416-246-9592 ext. 320.

Thank you for your consideration with this request.

All the best,

Julie Densham
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February 5th, 2019

Re: Invitation to participate in Autism Ontario's "Raise the Flag" campaign on **April 2, 2019** in celebration of World Autism Awareness Day.

Dear Sir / Madam,

April 2, 2019, will mark a historic day in Canada for the autism community. For the sixth year, Canadians will officially recognize World Autism Awareness Day.

To formally acknowledge the day, Autism Ontario is inviting all municipalities to proclaim April 2, 2019 as World Autism Awareness Day and **raise Autism Ontario's Flag on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019.**

By participating in our 2019 "Raise the Flag" campaign, you are increasing public awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and the day-to-day issues faced by people with autism and their families.

If your community is interested in supporting autism awareness by participating in Autism Ontario's "Raise the Flag" campaign on **April 2, 2019**, please kindly respond by email on or before March 12th, 2019.

Last year we requested that municipalities keep the flag for future use. We have a limited number of flags available for those who require one; please make note when considering the request.

The March 12, 2019 registration deadline will allow us to mail out flags to those who need it, and to advertise through our communication channels that your municipality will be participating. We recognize municipalities have a formal approval process for recognizing charitable proclamations and flag raisings, and may not be able to register by the deadline. If this is the case we still invite you to proclaim the day and raise a flag, if you have one. Please notify us of your participation by emailing julie@autismontario.com

Sincerely,

Julie Densham
Fundraising and Finance Coordinator
Autism Ontario

Please visit www.raisetheflagforautism.com in the coming weeks to access engaging resources and to share your stories of inclusion!

For questions regarding participation, please contact laura.h@autismontario.com

Sincerely,
Laura Heimpel
Regional Program and Volunteer Coordinator-Central West Region
Autism Ontario

On behalf of Autism Ontario Halton Chapter

About Us

Autism Ontario is the leading source of information on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community in Ontario. Today, 1 in 66 children are diagnosed with autism in Canada. Through improved public awareness, Autism Ontario strives to increase opportunities and acceptance for over 135,000 people living with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Ontario, ensuring that each person with ASD is provided the means to achieve quality of life as a respected member of society.

Learn more at www.autismontario.com

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@AutismONT and tweet your Raise the Flag photos with #RaisetheFlagforAutism

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PROCLAMATION

I, (name of Mayor or designate) of the city of (city name) do hereby proclaim

April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day

WHERE AS:	World Autism Awareness Day will be recognized on April 2 nd , 2019, in Canada thanks to Liberal Senator Jim Munson’s Bill S-206, <i>An Act Respecting World Autism Awareness Day</i> ; and
WHERE AS:	Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects more than 135,000 Ontarians. Autism Spectrum Disorder is now recognized as the most common neurological disorder affecting 1 in every 66 children, as well as their friends, family and community; and
WHERE AS:	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 with ASD will become an adult with ASD; and
WHERE AS:	Autism Ontario (formerly Autism Society 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
WHERE AS:	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; and
THEREFORE:	I (Mayor Name or Designate), do hereby declare April 2 nd as World Autism Awareness Day.

Dated at (municipality), Ontario this 2nd day of April, 2019.

PROCLAMATION

Je, (nom du maire ou de son représentant désigné) de la ville de (nom de la ville), proclame,
par la présente,
le 2 avril Journée mondiale de sensibilisation à l'autisme

ATTENDU :	Que la Journée mondiale de sensibilisation à l'autisme sera reconnue officiellement au Canada, le 2 avril 2019, grâce au sénateur libéral Jim Munson qui a présenté et fait adopter le projet de loi S-206 instituant la <i>Loi sur la Journée mondiale de sensibilisation à l'autisme</i> ;
ATTENDU :	Que le trouble du spectre de l'autisme affecte plus de 135 000 personnes en Ontario. Qu'il est maintenant admis que le trouble du spectre de l'autisme est le trouble neurologique le plus courant puisqu'il touche un enfant sur 66 ainsi que leurs amis, leurs familles et la collectivité;
ATTENDU :	Que le trouble du spectre de l'autisme (TSA) se manifeste différemment chez chaque personne qu'il touche et que ses caractéristiques se modifieront tout au long de la vie de chacun. Autrement dit, qu'un enfant ayant un TSA deviendra un adulte ayant un TSA;
ATTENDU :	Qu'Autisme Ontario (auparavant Autism Society Ontario) est la principale source d'information et de référence sur l'autisme et l'une des plus importantes voix collectives qui représentent la communauté autiste. Que, depuis 1973, Autisme Ontario fournit un soutien, de l'information et des possibilités à exploiter à des milliers de familles, dans l'ensemble de la province;
ATTENDU :	Qu'Autisme Ontario ne ménage aucun effort pour sensibiliser le public aux troubles du spectre de l'autisme et aux difficultés quotidiennes auxquelles sont confrontés les personnes autistes elles-mêmes, leurs familles et les professionnels qui interviennent auprès d'elles. Que l'association et ses sections locales partagent des buts communs d'information et d'éducation, de soutien à la recherche et de revendication de programmes et de services pour la communauté autiste.
POUR CES MOTIFS :	Je, (maire de la ville ou son remplaçant désigné), déclare, par la présente, que le 2 avril devient Journée mondiale de sensibilisation à l'autisme.

Fait à (nom de la municipalité), Ontario, ce deuxième jour d'avril 2019.