



PROCLAMATION WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS: World Autism Awareness Day was created by the United Nations General Assembly and is acknowledged annually on April 2. The Autism Society, Newfoundland & Labrador (ASNL) continuously works to center Autistic voices and support individuals and families not only on April 2 but every day throughout the year.

WHEREAS: Autism is a Neurotype and part of the range of natural variation in human neurological development. Human beings have a diverse range of Neurotypes. This diversity in human neurotype is what we call “Neurodiversity”.

Neurodiversity is a part of nature’s normal biodiversity. This biodiversity ensures all species have healthy ecosystems in which to thrive. Autism is a Neuro developmental difference and may therefore be on a different developmental timeline. Autistics may avail of supports in different areas at different times across their lifespan.

WHEREAS: ASNL is a team of autistics and accomplices that listens to, acts with and advocates for the autistic community. ASNL elevates autistic voices to shift the cultural understanding and societal competence towards neurodiversity-affirming systems, processes and understanding.

NOW THEREFORE: **BE IT RESOLVED** that I, *(insert name & position)*, do hereby recognize April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day while committing to embrace neurodiversity today and every day throughout the year. I encourage all citizens to understand and embrace the differences and needs of others and to include everyone in activities and discussions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2024.

insert name & position