



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 natural variation in human neurological development. Human beings have a diverse range of neurotypes—“neuro” meaning brain. This diversity in human neurotypes is what we call “neurodiversity.”

Autism falls under the umbrella of neurodiversity. Autism is a neurodevelopmental difference, meaning it reflects a unique way the brain develops and processes the world, sometimes on a different timeline. Autistics may need varying levels of support in different areas throughout their lives, highlighting the importance of understanding and accommodating the unique needs of each individual.

WHEREAS: One in 45 Newfoundland and Labrador children and youth, ages 5 thru 17 are diagnosed with autism. (Public Health Agency of Canada/Information not available for adult-age individuals)

WHEREAS: Autism Society, Newfoundland & Labrador is dedicated to promoting the development of individual, lifelong, and community-based support and services for Autistics and continuously works to promote acceptance of neurodiversity through listening, actioning, and advocacy.

NOW THEREFORE: **BE IT RESOLVED** that I, _____ (Name & Title) of _____ (Town, School or Organization), Province of Newfoundland & Labrador, 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:

I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of our organization to be affixed.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2025.
