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TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

Dear Township of North Huron, Township of North Huron P.O. Box 90, 274 Josephine Street Wingham ON NOG 2W0

Re: Invitation to participate in Autism Ontario's "Raise the Flag" campaign on **April** 4^{nd} **2016** in celebration of World Autism Awareness Day.

Dear Sir / Madam,

April 2, 2016, will mark a historic day in Canada for the autism community. For the fourth year, Canadians will officially recognize World Autism Awareness Day.

To formally acknowledge the day, Autism Ontario is inviting all municipalities to proclaim April 2, 2016 as World Autism Awareness Day and raise Autism Ontario's Flag on Monday, April 4th, 2016 due to weekend office closures on the official day.

By participating in our 2016 "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 4, 2016**, please return the attached RSVP form by mail on or before March 11, 2016.

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 completing the RSVP form if you require one.

The March 11, 2016 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 rtf@autismontario.com.



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

For questions regarding participation, please contact the Raise the Flag committee at 416-246-9592 or at ref@autismontario.com.

Sincerely,

Autism Ontario's Raise the Flag Committee 1179 King Street west, Suite 004 Toronto, Ontario M6K 3C5 416-246-9592 rtf@autismontario.com

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 94 children are diagnosed with autism in Canada. Through improved public awareness, Autism Ontario strives to increase opportunities and acceptance for over 100,000 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

Enclosure:

- Proclamation
- RSVP form

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