



February 20, 2024

Dear Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake City Council and Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa,

My name is Janine O'Brien and I am the Fund and Volunteer Coordinator for Autism Ontario South Region. I am honoured to be part of a team that promotes and enhances autism acceptance and advocacy for Niagara, Norfolk, Hamilton, Haldimand, and Brant!

Did you know that World Autism Day is fast approaching? Help us Celebrate the Spectrum for World Autism Day on April 2, 2024, and throughout April! Supporting Celebrate the Spectrum for World Autism Day this year is an excellent opportunity for your municipality to show support for autistic individuals across Ontario.

Join Autism Ontario to Celebrate the Spectrum this World Autism Day by purchasing a flag for our "Fly the Flag" campaign and formally proclaiming **April 2, 2024, as World Autism Awareness Day** to show your autism support.

Purchase a flag through our website at

<https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=53>.

What is Celebrate the Spectrum? Celebrate the Spectrum is our theme for World Autism Day celebrations. It is an opportunity for positive action to provide spaces of support and advocacy for our diverse communities while learning about autism and how we can all make our communities better for autistic individuals. Similar to previous Autism Ontario World Autism Day campaigns, Celebrate the Spectrum unites families, schools, communities, businesses, government, and professionals in recognizing World Autism Day by celebrating people on the autism spectrum and bringing to light the systemic barriers that must be removed to create a more supportive and inclusive Ontario.

We are always available to help with resources and ideas on how you can get involved. If you have any questions, please contact me directly, and I will gladly assist you. Thank you for your time!

Most sincerely,

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