

**Item No. 3**



## ***Proclamation***

### **World Autism Awareness Day April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

Whereas it is estimated that 1 in 68 people across the country have autism or a related condition, including over 14,000 children and adults in Nova Scotia; and

Many dedicated parents, teachers, researchers, professionals, and other individuals, including those at Autism Nova Scotia, work tirelessly to make our province more accessible for people with autism and their families to find ways for them to thrive in our communities; and

Autism Nova Scotia is the leading source of providing information materials, research assistance, a variety of program opportunities, and a friendly atmosphere to support the community in their desire to understand autism; and

Today, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, marks World Autism Awareness Day, when various building and landmarks, including the Empire State Building in New York, the Nelson Mandela Bridge in South Africa, the Sydney Opera House in Australia, and our very own City Hall will be lit up blue to promote autism awareness;

Therefore, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 as Autism Awareness Day throughout HRM and encourage all of our citizens to recognize Autism Nova Scotia for the significant impact they have made and continue to make in supporting families and individuals living with autism.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 2<sup>nd</sup>, day of April, 2017



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Mike Savage  
Mayor