

Proclamation

Autism Acceptance Day April 2nd, 2020

WHEREAS, the voices of autistic people are the most crucial component in cultural and political conversations about autism; and

WHEREAS, many dedicated autistic activists, including those at Autistics United Canada, work tirelessly to advocate for access and self-determination for all autistic people in healthcare, education, employment, support services, and community networks across the lifespan; and

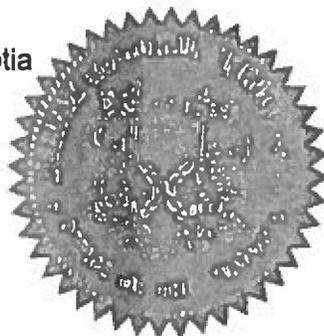
WHEREAS, the promotion of autistic culture and pride is critical to changing the cultural narrative about autism from one of tragedy and normalization to one of support and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, Autistics United Canada is at the forefront of Autistic-led advocacy in Canada, from local initiatives to national issues; and

WHEREAS, April 2nd, marks World Autism Acceptance Day, when a global network of Autistic-led organizations, including Autistics United Canada, A4A Ontario, the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network, and the Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network emphasize the necessity of autistic people participating in decisions that affect their lives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim April 2nd, 2020 as Autism Acceptance Day throughout HRM and encourage all citizens to recognize Autistics United Canada for raising the voices of autistic people and empowering autistic people to take leadership roles in the disability rights movement and our communities.

**Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 2nd day of April 2020**



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Mike Savage
Mayor