



**PROCLAMATION
World Autism Acceptance Month
April 2026**

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 1 in 50 people across the country are autistic/have autism, and 1 in 31 people, approximately 32,000 individuals, in Nova Scotia are autistics/individuals on the autism spectrum; and

WHEREAS, many dedicated autistics/individuals on the autism spectrum, parents, teachers, researchers, and professionals, including those at Autism Nova Scotia and other community-based organizations, work tirelessly throughout our province to make the communities where we live accessible and inclusive for autistics/individuals with autism, and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, with 11 locations throughout the province and with the support of the autism community, Autism Nova Scotia builds understanding, acceptance, and inclusion for autistics/individuals on the autism spectrum and their families through leadership, advocacy, education, training, and programming across the lifespan; and

WHEREAS, this month of April marks Autism Acceptance Month, and in 2008, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously decided to declare April 2nd as World Autism Awareness Day, when people across the globe came together as a community to celebrate autism and promote acceptance and inclusion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Nancy Dicks of the Town of New Glasgow, do hereby proclaim April 2026, as **“Autism Acceptance Month”** Month throughout the province and encourage all of our citizens to recognize the autistic individuals/people with autism, family members, caregivers, educators, and other professionals who strive to make Nova Scotia an inclusive and accessible place for us all to call home.

Mayor Nancy Dicks