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**RE: April proclaimed Autism Acceptance Month in the Town of Amherst**

**AMHERST, Nova Scotia** – The month of April has been proclaimed Autism Acceptance Month in the Town of Amherst.

“I encourage all of our citizens to make themselves aware of what autism is,” Mayor David Kogon said on Thursday, March 31, 2022, as he signed the proclamation on behalf of the Amherst town council.

“I also encourage everyone to take the opportunity during April to recognize autistic individuals/people with autism, family members, caregivers, educators and other professionals who strive to make Nova Scotia an inclusive and accessible place for all of us to call home.”



AMHERST MAYOR DAVID KOGON SIGNS A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL TO BE AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST. (TOM McCOAG / TOWN OF AMHERST)

The mayor noted the proclamation indicates one in 66 people across the country and one in 34 Nova Scotians – about 30,000 individuals – are on the autism spectrum.

He lauded the work Autism Nova Scotia, especially the office here in Amherst, does in helping to build understanding, acceptance and inclusion for individuals on the autism





spectrum and their families through leadership, advocacy, education, training and programming across the lifespan.

“This month of April marks Autism Awareness Month and Saturday, April 2, marks World Autism Acceptance Day,” Elaine Mazur of Autism Nova Scotia’s Cumberland County Chapter said.

“We hope our community will join those in the autism community across the globe and come together as a community to celebrate autism and promote acceptance and inclusion.”

As part of the efforts to help make people more aware of autism, the town will raise the Autism Flag during a flag-raising on Church Street in front of the Cumberland YMCA on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 1 p.m. The flag will fly over the town for the first week of Autism Acceptance Month.

More information about autism and Autism Nova Scotia can be found on the organization’s website at: <https://www.autismnovascotia.ca/>

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