



GRAND VALLEY

## *Proclamation*

**April, 2026**

### **Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month**

**Whereas** Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects more than 135,000 Ontarians on the autism spectrum and ASD is now recognized as the most common neurological disorder, affecting 1 in every 66 children, as well as their friends, family and community;

**And Whereas** ASD is a spectrum disorder, which means it not only manifests itself differently in every individual in whom it appears, but its characteristics will change over the life of each individual as well. A child with ASD will become an adult with ASD.

**And Whereas** Autism Ontario and its chapters share common goals of providing information and education, supporting research, advocating for programs and services for the autism community and is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families and the professionals with whom they interact,

**NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR STEVE SOLOMAN**, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim April, 2026 as “Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month” in the Town of Grand Valley, and urge all citizens of our community to create a more inclusive world for people with ASD.

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Steve Soloman, Mayor