



## PROCLAMATION

### “Autism Awareness Month” (April, 2018)

- WHEREAS:** Autism Spectrum Disorder, which is a developmental disability that causes difficulties in communication, social interaction and behaviour, occurs in approximately 1 in every 68 births for reasons that are not yet fully understood; and
- WHEREAS:** found throughout the world in families of all ethnic and social backgrounds, Autism Spectrum Disorder is five times more common in boys than girls, currently has no known cure, and depending on the level of severity can cause lifelong challenges relating to people, objects and events; and
- WHEREAS:** increased awareness of this disorder is vital as early diagnosis and intervention, as well as the existence of specialized and community support services, can lead to significantly improved quality of life for those challenged with Autism Spectrum Disorder;
- NOW THEREFORE I,** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim **April 2018** as “**Autism Awareness Month**” in the District of North Vancouver.

Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2018