



**MINISTER OF  
FAMILY SERVICES AND LABOUR**

Room 357  
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Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8  
CANADA

October 3, 2012

Ms. Sandra McKay  
Executive Director  
Autism Society Manitoba  
204-825 Sherbrook Street  
Winnipeg MB R3A 1M5

Dear Ms. McKay:

Thank you for your request to proclaim the month of October 2012 as Autism Awareness Month and October 6, 2012 as Autism Awareness Day in Manitoba.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Autism Society Manitoba for its commitment and dedication to people living with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families. By providing valuable information, supports and services, you play a vital role in helping people with autism live their lives as fully as possible. Our government considers services for persons with disabilities to be a high priority, and is committed to the vision of full inclusion of all Manitobans with disabilities.

I am pleased to proclaim the month of October 2012 as Autism Awareness Month in Manitoba. It is also my pleasure to proclaim October 6, 2012 as Autism Awareness Day in our province. Attached is a copy of the Proclamation.

Once again, thank you for writing and for the outstanding work being done by Autism Society Manitoba.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Howard".

Jennifer Howard  
Minister

Attachment



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# PROCLAMATION

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## PROCLAMATION

### AUTISM AWARENESS DAY AND MONTH

**WHEREAS** Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), also referred to as autism, are complex, lifelong developmental disabilities that may impact on an individual's language, cognitive and social skills; and

**WHEREAS** there are approximately 200,000 Canadians living with an ASD, and the number of children with an ASD diagnosis has increased significantly in the last decade; and

**WHEREAS** with early intervention, therapy, training and support throughout the lifespan, children and adults with an ASD can enjoy a good quality of life; and

**WHEREAS** through public awareness, education and acceptance, individuals with an ASD can reach their full potential in society; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Manitoba wishes to recognize the dedication of parents, volunteers and professionals, and their many contributions on behalf of children and adults with an ASD;

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT I**, Jennifer Howard, Minister of Family Services and Labour, do hereby proclaim that the month of October 2012 be designated as

### AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

and that October 6, 2012 be designated as

### AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

in Manitoba and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our