



Township of Oro-Medonte

Proclamation to support and designate March 2022 as #ITSTARTS Month

Whereas, The County of Simcoe has designated March 2022 as #ITSTARTS Month;
and

Whereas, The Township of Oro-Medonte supports the Simcoe County Local Immigration Program's initiatives as a community partnership focused on the development of settlement strategies for newcomers, and recognizes such strategies bring together and support service delivery to newcomers in Oro-Medonte while promoting positive relationships, opportunity, and use of local resources effectively; and

Whereas, Inclusion, acceptance, and equity are important approaches to the diversity of residents living in any community, especially in our growing and changing Township;
and

Whereas, March 21 is recognized as the "International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination"; and

Whereas, The month presents an opportunity to further the resolve as we pause to celebrate the diversity of the human race than allow our dissimilarities to become a reason for racial separation; and

Whereas, we encourage all to celebrate the differences in each other such as race, ethnicity, culture, origin, sexual identity and orientation, age, disability, religion; and

Whereas, During this period the Simcoe County is hosting an awareness campaign and encouraging residents to take a stand and support #ITSTARTS to share their commitment to embracing acceptance, anti-racism and diversity.

Therefore I, Mayor Hughes on behalf of Oro-Medonte Township Council, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2022, as "#ITSTARTS Month" in support of Simcoe County's initiative and Oro-Medonte's commitment to embracing acceptance, diversity and anti-racism. I encourage all residents of Oro-Medonte to take a stand, participate in, and learn more about the #ITSTARTS campaign