



PROCLAMATION

To designate March 2026 as #ITSTARTS Month

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

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

Whereas 2026 marks ten years of the ITSTARTS campaign in Simcoe County; and

Whereas The Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership (SCLIP) is a community partnership focused on the development of settlement strategies for newcomers. These strategies bring together and support service delivery to newcomers in Simcoe County while promoting positive relationships, opportunity, and use of local resources effectively; and

Whereas This month presents an opportunity to further the resolve as we pause to celebrate the diversity of the human race rather 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, culture, colour, national origin, gender, age, disability and religion; and

Whereas During this period we will be 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 Ted Walker, on behalf of Tay Township, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2026, as "#ITSTARTS Month" in Tay Township and encourage everyone to take a stand and participate in and learn more about the #ITSTARTS Campaign.

Ted Walker
Mayor