



## TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN

# Proclamation

### To designate March 2020 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** 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 supporting an awareness campaign and encouraging residents to take a stand and support **#ITStarts** to share their commitment to embracing acceptance, anti-racism and diversity.

**I, MAYOR MIKE BURKETT** on behalf of Township of Severn Council, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as **#ITStarts** month in Severn and encourage everyone to take a stand and participate in and learn more about the **#ITStarts** campaign.

Dated at the Township of Severn on this first day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Burkett", is written over a large, light blue circular stamp.

Mike Burkett, Mayor, Township of Severn