



## PROCLAMATION

To designate February 25, 2026  
as  
**National Pink Shirt Day**

*Whereas* Anti-Bullying Day, also known as Pink Shirt Day, is an international initiative, started in Canada, to take a stand against all forms of bullying; and

*Whereas* discrimination, harassment, exclusion, intimidation and other forms of bullying have a profound effect on an individual's feeling of safety and self-worth, and are unacceptable in a safe and caring society; and

*Whereas* bullying is a learned behaviour and occurs in all age groups and social situations; not just in the schoolyard, but also in the workplace, at home, and on the internet; and

*Whereas* the County of Simcoe is committed to fostering a sense of belonging for all and integrating a Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Belonging (DIEB) lens into decision making, planning and delivery of services; and

*Whereas* all Citizens have a role to play in preventing bullying and speaking up against bullying; and

*Whereas* Anti-bullying Day provides an opportunity to promote kindness, togetherness and inclusion by lifting each other up.

*Therefore I, Warden Basil Clarke,* on behalf of Simcoe County Council, do hereby proclaim February 25, 2026 as "Pink Shirt (Anti-Bullying) Day" and encourage citizens to wear pink and practice these principles today and every day.

Dated at the County of Simcoe, Midhurst on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

Basil Clarke, Warden  
County of Simcoe