

## IT STARTS HERE WEEKS

**April 23 to May 4, 2018**

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**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:** 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:** These two weeks present 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, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will be supporting the County of Simcoe's awareness campaign by encouraging residents to take a stand and support #ItStartsHere to share their commitment to embracing acceptance, anti-racism and diversity.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That His Worship Mayor Rob Keffer and Members of Council proclaim April 23 to May 4, 2018 as IT STARTS HERE WEEKS in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

**PLEASE TAKE PART IN THE #ItStartsHere MOVEMENT**

Visit [www.simcoe.ca/ITSTARTS](http://www.simcoe.ca/ITSTARTS) to get your pledge card find out how you can take part in the 2018 social media campaign.