

Proclamation



WHEREAS: Autism, or autism spectrum disorder, refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and nonverbal communications; it is often accompanied by medical issues such as GI disorders, seizures, sleep disturbances, anxiety, and depression; research indicates that early diagnosis, intervention, and access to support services leads to positive outcomes later in life for people with the disorder; and

WHEREAS: The Autism Society of Florida, a nonprofit 501 (c)(3), an all-volunteer parent organization of people with autism and adults with autism officially appoints the City of Pompano Beach with the designation of being an Autism-Friendly city. Pompano Beach is the first city in Broward County to receive this designation from the Autism Society of Florida; and

WHEREAS: The Autism Society of South Florida worked directly with the Parks and Recreation Department, the Fire Rescue Department and the Broward Sheriff's Office in conducting training. Approximately eighty percent (80%) of personnel have now received this invaluable training, better preparing them for positive interactions for people with autism; and

WHEREAS: in recognition of Autism Awareness Month, the City continues to promote acceptance and celebration of people with autism who are our family members, friends, classmates, co-workers, and community members, and further celebrates the valuable contributions they make to our world; and

WHEREAS: Autism is a natural variation of the human experience, and we can all create a world which celebrates creative minds of all kinds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Rex Hardin, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby recognize and proclaim the City of Pompano Beach as officially designated:

"AUTISM FRIENDLY"

in Pompano Beach, Broward County, Florida.

DONE this 25th day of April, 2023.



REX HARDIN
MAYOR