

Proclamation



WHEREAS: Autism Acceptance Month is observed each year in April, with April 2nd recognized as World Autism Awareness Day by the United Nations, both designed to foster greater understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of individuals on the Autism spectrum; and

WHEREAS: Autism, or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), encompasses a wide range of conditions marked by differences in social interaction, communication, behavior, and sensory processing; these differences are not disabilities, but unique strengths and ways of experiencing the world that should be embraced and supported; and

WHEREAS: people with autism often face challenges in navigating environments that are not always accommodating, but with proper support, understanding, and early interventions, individuals with Autism can lead fulfilling, productive, and successful lives; and

WHEREAS: the National Autism Acceptance month is backed by the Autism Society of America which has local chapters throughout the United States which hold special events throughout April and undertake a number of activities to raise awareness about Autism; and

WHEREAS: Autism Acceptance Month highlights the importance of inclusion and understanding, recognizing the vital contributions of individuals with Autism in our families, schools, workplaces, and communities, and encouraging everyone to celebrate neurodiversity; and

WHEREAS: society must go beyond awareness of Autism and foster true acceptance, building a community where individuals of all abilities are embraced, celebrated, and given equal opportunities to thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE: the Mayor and City Commission recognizes and proclaims the month of April as

NATIONAL! AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

and encourage all residents to engage in meaningful conversations, increase their knowledge, and extend their support to the Autism community.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2025



Rex Hardin
Mayor