

Proclamation

Whereas, April is National Autism Awareness Month, recognizing those that live on the autism spectrum, celebrating their contributions to their communities, and reaffirming their rights to participate fully in society; and

Whereas, on April 2, 2020, Alameda joins people from around the planet to celebrate the 13th annual World Autism Awareness Day; and

Whereas, millions of people of all ages, including one out of every 59 children, live on the autism spectrum, which refers to a broad range of conditions that can include challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and nonverbal communication; and

Whereas, it is well-documented that when individuals on the autism spectrum receive early and intensive support and appropriate education throughout their lives, their growth, development, and lives are significantly improved; and

Whereas, autism requires increased investment in research, so that one day everyone on the autism spectrum can receive appropriate care, understanding and services throughout their lives.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2020 as

Autism Awareness Month

in the City of Alameda and encourage all residents, businesses, civic groups, government agencies, and other organizations to learn more about autism and how they can support individuals on the autism spectrum and their families who are our colleagues, classmates, friends, and loved ones.



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Mayor

