

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATING APRIL 2023, AS AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH IN THE CITY OF
HYATTSVILLE

The City of Hyattsville proclaims April 2023 to be Autism Acceptance Month, a time to celebrate the unique perspectives of those living with autism spectrum disorder (ASD); promoting greater opportunities for autism inclusion and awareness so that individuals with autism can live full lives.

WHEREAS, autism is characterized by the National Institute of Health (NIH) as a neurological and developmental disorder that affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn, and behave; and

WHEREAS, according to The Autism Society, autism is the fastest growing developmental disorder in the United States with 1 in 44 children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, totaling over 5 million young people and adults; and,

WHEREAS, encouraging broader acceptance and understanding can result in improved opportunities for individuals with autism in accessing quality education, employment, housing, and health care.

WHEREAS, April is recognized internationally as World Autism Month to educate and encourage communities to develop improved systems for families and individuals living with autism; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hyattsville recognizes April 2023 as Autism Acceptance Month in honor of building more inclusive and supportive experiences for individuals with autism and their families.

Robert Croslin
Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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