

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATING APRIL 2nd, 2024 AS WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY AND APRIL 2024 AS AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

The City of Hyattsville proclaims April 2nd, 2024 to be World Autism Awareness Day and the entire month of April 2024 to be Autism Acceptance Month, which is 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 to access quality education, employment, housing, and health care; and

WHEREAS, Annually The City of Hyattsville celebrates April as Autism Acceptance Month, beginning with the United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2. This year marks the 17th annual World Autism Awareness Day, with the purpose of advocating, educating, and encouraging communities to develop improved systems for families and individuals living with autism.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hyattsville recognizes April 2nd, 2024 as World Autism Day and April 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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