



PROCLAMATION 03-01-2021 (A)

WHEREAS autism affects an estimated 1 in 54 children and 1 in 45 adults and is a complex disorder that affects each person differently, resulting in unique strengths and challenges; and

WHEREAS autism can cause challenges with verbal and nonverbal communication, social interaction, and repetitive behaviors, and can affect anyone, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS autism is often accompanied by medical conditions that impact quality of life; and

WHEREAS a comprehensive, collaborative approach will help to advance research, providing a better understanding of the many forms of autism, while strengthening advocacy efforts and ensuring access to services and resources throughout the life span; and


WHEREAS early diagnosis and intervention tailored to individual needs can have lifelong benefits, easing the transition to adulthood and fostering greater independence; and

WHEREAS each person and family affected by autism should have access to reliable information, supports and opportunities to live up to their greatest potential; and

WHEREAS the City of The Village is honored to take part in the annual observance of World Autism Month and World Autism Awareness Day to address the diverse needs of individuals and families affected by autism.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor David Bennett do hereby proclaim April 2021 as **WORLD AUTISM MONTH** and April 2, 2021 as **WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY** in the City of The Village to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism spectrum disorder.

PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and City Council this 1st day of March 2021.


David Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk