



City of Auburn **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong neurological disorder with current statistics estimating it to one in fifty-four children being born with an Autism Spectrum Disorder; and,

WHEREAS, autism affects each individual in different ways, and can range from very mild to severe, knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries and affects young and old alike; and,

WHEREAS, the prevalence of autism in US children has increased from 6.7% in 2000 to 23% in 2018, autism affects 1 in every 110 children; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, 19.1 percent of persons with a disability were employed while in contrast, 63.7% for those without a disability; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "*Leave No One Behind*", is the key to the transformative promise of the Sustainable Development Goals of inclusive education. It focuses on ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all, as the foundation for improving people's lives and reducing inequalities; and

WHEREAS, our understanding of autism has grown tremendously since it was first diagnosed, there is no known cure for autism. Accurate, early diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education and intervention are vital to the future growth and development of the individual; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need for continued research into this disorder, hope currently lies in a broad spectrum of treatments, and in an informed public and community committed to providing support and service to individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders; and,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York, on behalf of the City Council and the Citizens of Auburn, do hereby proclaim April 2022, as

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

and encourage our citizens and visitors to take part in the annual observance of Autism Acceptance Month in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Seventh day of April 2022.

Michael D. Quill, Mayor
City of Auburn, New York