

City of Auburn **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong neurological disorder, research demonstrates that jobs & activities that encourage independence can increase daily skills and reduce autism symptoms; and,

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

WHEREAS, in 2018, approximately 1 in 59 children were diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum. Boys are more likely to be diagnosed with autism than girls.; and

WHEREAS, Children with autism disorders are most likely to suffer from gastrointestinal disorders than other children, also more than half of children with autism have chronic sleep disorders. It's estimated that the cost of caring for the services required (including the diet) for autism can be \$196 billion per year for adults and \$66 billion per year for children; and

WHEREAS, People with autism spectrum disorders can help to make a change in the world — all they need to be successful is treatment and support from their environment — just take people like Tim Burton, Charles Darwin, Bill Gates, and Albert Einstein as an example; and

WHEREAS, the theme, “*Celebrate Differences,*” will be running for its 5th year. The focus is to raise awareness, to promote autism acceptance, to celebrate each individual’s unique differences, and to foster inclusivity and connectedness.

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, James N. Giannettino, Jr., Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York, on behalf of the City Council and the Citizens of Auburn, do hereby proclaim April 2024, 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 Fourth day of April 2024.



James N. Giannettino, Jr., Mayor
City of Auburn, New York