



## WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS** autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a neurological and developmental disorder that begins early in childhood and consists of a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and nonverbal communication; and

**WHEREAS** ASD affects at least 1 in 59 children and an unknown number of adults in the United States of all genders, races, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds who deserve to live full lives of dignity and respect; and

**WHEREAS** ASD should not hinder the right of people to make choices, contribute to and be part of their community, and to make efforts to create their perfect life; and

**WHEREAS**, family members, friends, and the community all play a vital role in enhancing the lives of people with ASD as they realize their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of the City of Warrensburg include opportunities for people with ASD to achieve their full potential through employment, recreation, and housing. These goals support the development of meaningful and productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, joins in recognizing and raising awareness of the need for better understanding, and acceptance of autism spectrum, and to commend the efforts of those working to support individuals with ASD disorders and their families.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Bryan Jacobs, Mayor of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, do hereby proclaim the month of April as World Autism Awareness in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri.

**Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.**

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Cindy Gabel, City Clerk

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Bryan Jacobs, Mayor  
Scott Holmberg, Chairman Pro Tem  
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Jim Kushner, Council Member