

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP16-0236 Recognizing April as National Autism Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Asperger Syndrome are pervasive developmental disabilities affecting the social, communication and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and

WHEREAS, as more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children and adults are being diagnosed on the autism spectrum, resulting in rates as high as 1 in 58 children nationally; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well documented that if individuals with autism receive early and ongoing intensive treatment, they will lead significantly improved participatory and contributive lives; and

WHEREAS, children and adults with autism or Asperger's Syndrome often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety and to support families resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens being on the autism spectrum can present; and

WHEREAS, nonprofit groups like Autism in Community, GRASP (Global and Regional Asperger Syndrome Partnership) and the Autism Society of Colorado are spearheading an awareness effort to educate parents, professionals and the general public about ASD and Asperger Syndrome and its effects.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver recognizes April as National Autism Awareness Month and encourages all employees and residents to participate in National Autism Awareness Month activities in order to become better educated about Autism Spectrum Disorder and Asperger Syndrome and create a better community for children and adults with autism.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to a representative of the Autism Society of Colorado.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 4, 2016

PRESIDENT