

# PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 2022 AS

## *Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month*

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*WHEREAS, Autism refers to a range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and nonverbal communication as well as by unique strengths and gifts; there is no known single cause of autism, but increased awareness as well as early diagnosis, intervention, and access to services lead to significantly improved outcomes; and*

*WHEREAS, thousands of individuals and organizations participate in autism-related events and educational activities throughout April to increase understanding and acceptance and to foster worldwide support for those struggling with autism spectrum disorder; and*

*WHEREAS, about 1 in 54 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), according to estimates, and ASD is about 4 times more common among boys (1 in 27) than among girls (1 in 116). In California, 1 in 26 children are diagnosed with ASD; and*

*WHEREAS, early diagnosis and treatment are essential for those affected by autism spectrum disorder, and it is essential to support health care and social systems that works for children and adults with ASD; and*

*WHEREAS, the life-long nature of ASD and other developmental disabilities require a variety of types of assistance at different points in an individual’s life; and*

*WHEREAS, during Autism Awareness Month, we recommit to helping individuals on the autism spectrum reach their full potential; and*

*WHEREAS, hope lies in a broad spectrum of treatments, in an informed public, and a community committed to providing support and service to individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED*** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of April as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month and joins the nation in making a commitment to creating a culture of disability awareness and inclusion for all members of our County.

***Dated: April 19, 2022***

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors