

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month is observed annually in April to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism; and

WHEREAS, Autism, or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), is a neurological and developmental disorder that affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn, and behave; and

WHEREAS, ASD is the third most common developmental disability, affecting 1 in every 36 children born in this country; and

WHEREAS, recently, the spectrum has widened to allow more children treatment under the ASD umbrella, which will play a part in the number of children diagnosed and treated; and

WHEREAS, with accurate, early diagnosis, doctors, therapists, and educators are available to help persons with autism address the challenges they face by providing appropriate education, intervention, and therapy, which are vital to the future growth and development of the individual; and

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month is an important opportunity to raise public awareness, educate, and enhance understanding and resources available to those affected with autism; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek strives to cultivate an inclusive environment where every member of our community feels valued and respected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims the month of April 2024 as

“AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH”

to foster a community that embraces, respects, and celebrates diverse minds and to support individuals impacted by autism in attaining the highest quality of life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of the
City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 28th day of March, 2024.**