

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month is observed annually in April, and April 2 is recognized as the United Nations sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day; both designations are intended to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism; and

WHEREAS, Autism or autism spectrum disorder, refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and nonverbal communication; it is often accompanied by medical issues such as GI disorders, seizures, sleep disturbances, anxiety and depression; and

WHEREAS, Research indicates that early diagnosis, intervention, and access to support services leads to positive outcomes later in life for people with the disorder; and

WHEREAS, the National Autism Awareness month is backed by the Autism Society of America which local chapters throughout the United States which hold special events throughout April and undertake several activities to raise awareness about autism; and

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month promotes acceptance and celebration of autistic people who are our family members, friends, classmates, co-workers, and community members and the valuable contributions they make to our world; and

WHEREAS, Autism is natural variation of the human experience, and we can all create a world that values, includes, and celebrates all kinds of minds; and

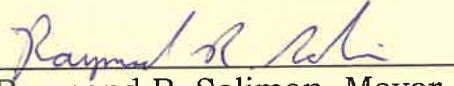
NOW THEREFORE, I, Raymond R. Soliman, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Crest Hill, do hereby proclaim the month of April as

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

AND urge all of our citizens to be better informed, more empathetic, and supportive toward people with autism

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Crest Hill this 6th day of April, 2026.




Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor