

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month is observed annually in April intended to increase understanding and acceptance of the Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and nonverbal communication' it is accompanied by medical issues such as GI disorders, seizures, sleep disturbances, anxiety, and depression; research indicates that early diagnosis, intervention, and access to support services leads to positive outcomes for those living with the disorder; and

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

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month promotes acceptance and celebration of those on the spectrum who are our family members, friends, classmates, co-workers, and community members and the valuable contributions and richness they bring to our world; and

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is a natural variation of the human experience, and we can all create a world which values, includes, and celebrates all minds and abilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Samuel Pennant, Mayor of the Town of Dundee, recognizes and proclaims the month of April as

NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

and encourages all residents to be better informed; more empathetic and supportive of those on the Autism Spectrum.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2024

Sam Pennant, Mayor

Attest:

Trevor Douthat, Town Clerk