

*PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 2024 AS  
AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH IN THE CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS*

WHEREAS, autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication and behavioral skill of those affected by it; and

WHEREAS, as more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autism spectrum, resulting in rates as high as 1 in 54 children nationally and over 50,000 individuals in Michigan alone; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it often is possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by autism know, acceptance is often one of the biggest barriers to finding and developing a support system; and

WHEREAS, to foster acceptance to ignite change through improved support and opportunities in education, employment, accessible housing, affordable health care and comprehensive long-term services so that individuals and their families are encouraged to live full, quality of lives through connection and acceptance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and the Council of the City of Madison proclaim

*APRIL 2024 AS NATIONAL AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH*

in the City of Madison Heights and urge all employees, residents and members of the business community to bring #Autism2Light and #CelebrateDifferences during National Autism Acceptance Month.



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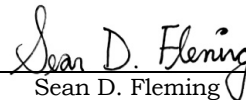
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