

Proclamation

Recognizing Autism Acceptance Month and Celebrating Those With Autism Who Enrich Our Community

- WHEREAS,** about 1 in 36 children are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, according to the CDC; and
- WHEREAS,** these millions hail from all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups as well as all types of places, including Milton; and
- WHEREAS,** autism is characterized by persistent differences in communications, interpersonal relationships, and social interactions relative to the mainstream; and
- WHEREAS,** these differences do not prevent those with autism from being worthwhile, dynamic, and beloved members of society; and
- WHEREAS,** these individuals contribute significantly to our culture, economy, and families in countless ways, big and small; and
- WHEREAS,** Autism Acceptance Month occurs every April to bolster awareness, increase understanding, and support the appreciation and inclusion of those with autism; and
- WHEREAS,** this is an opportunity for those with autism to strengthen their connections to their community, including those who are and are not diagnosed; and
- WHEREAS,** autism is different for everyone, much like every individual is unique with their own personality and set of experiences; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Milton recognizes this fact and welcomes those with autism as respected and valued community members.

Now, therefore, we — the Mayor and City Council of the City of Milton — recognize April as Autism Acceptance Month and embrace people with autism as cherished members of our community.

Given under my hand and seal of the City of Milton, Georgia on this 14th day of April 2025.

Peyton Jamison, Mayor