



## **A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2025 AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication, and behavioral skills 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 68 children nationally and 1 in 45 in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment throughout their lives, they lead significantly improved lives; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety and to support families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism can present; and

**WHEREAS**, autism awareness efforts are increasing in order to educate parents, professionals, and the general public about autism and its effects,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town Council for the Town of Pineville, does hereby proclaim the month of May 2025, as

### **Autism Awareness Month**

in the Town of Pineville, North Carolina, and hereby and urges our citizens to become better educated about autism and to help create a better community for individuals with autism.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

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Mayor David Phillips

ATTEST:

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Lisa Snyder, Town Clerk